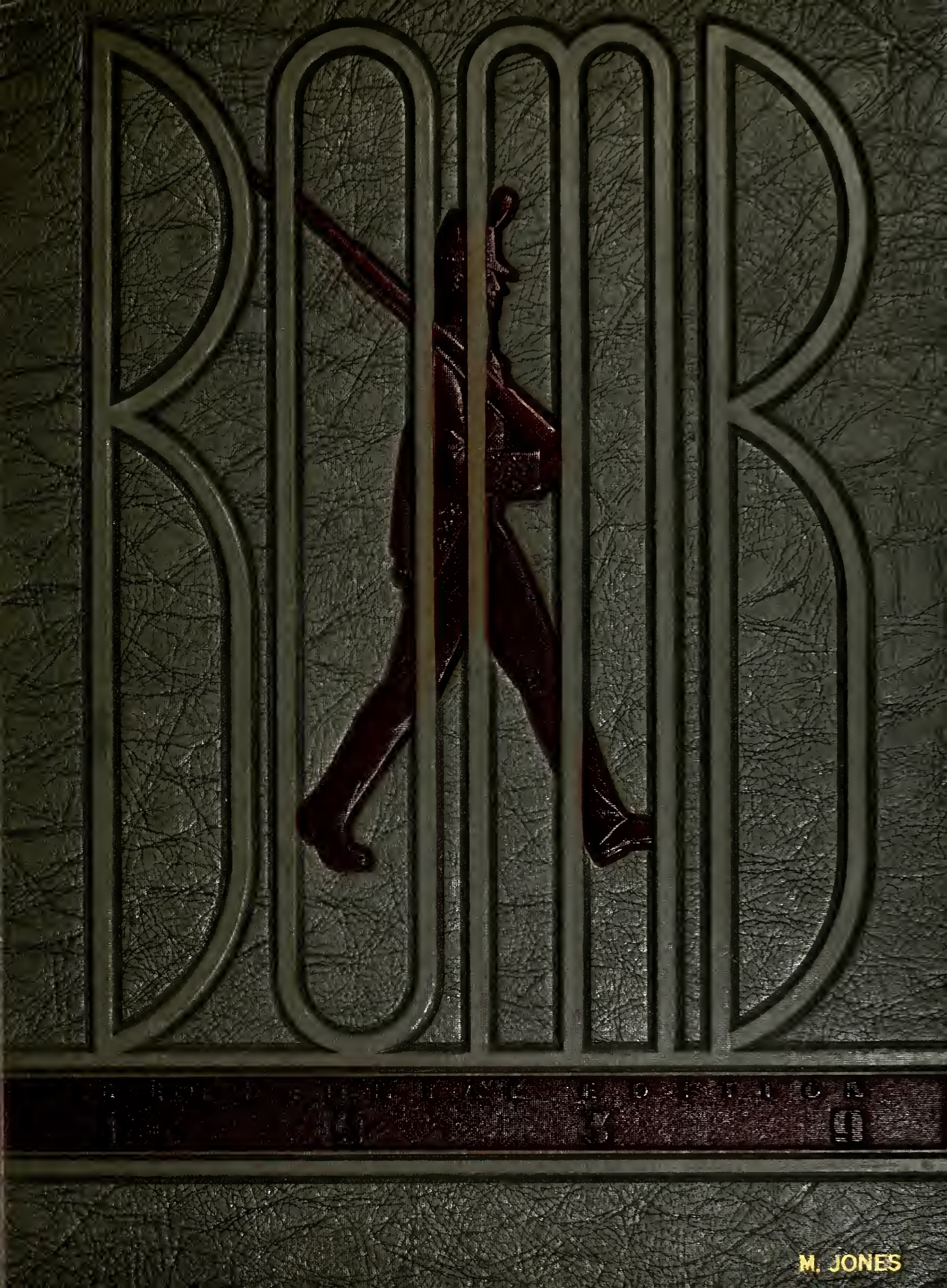
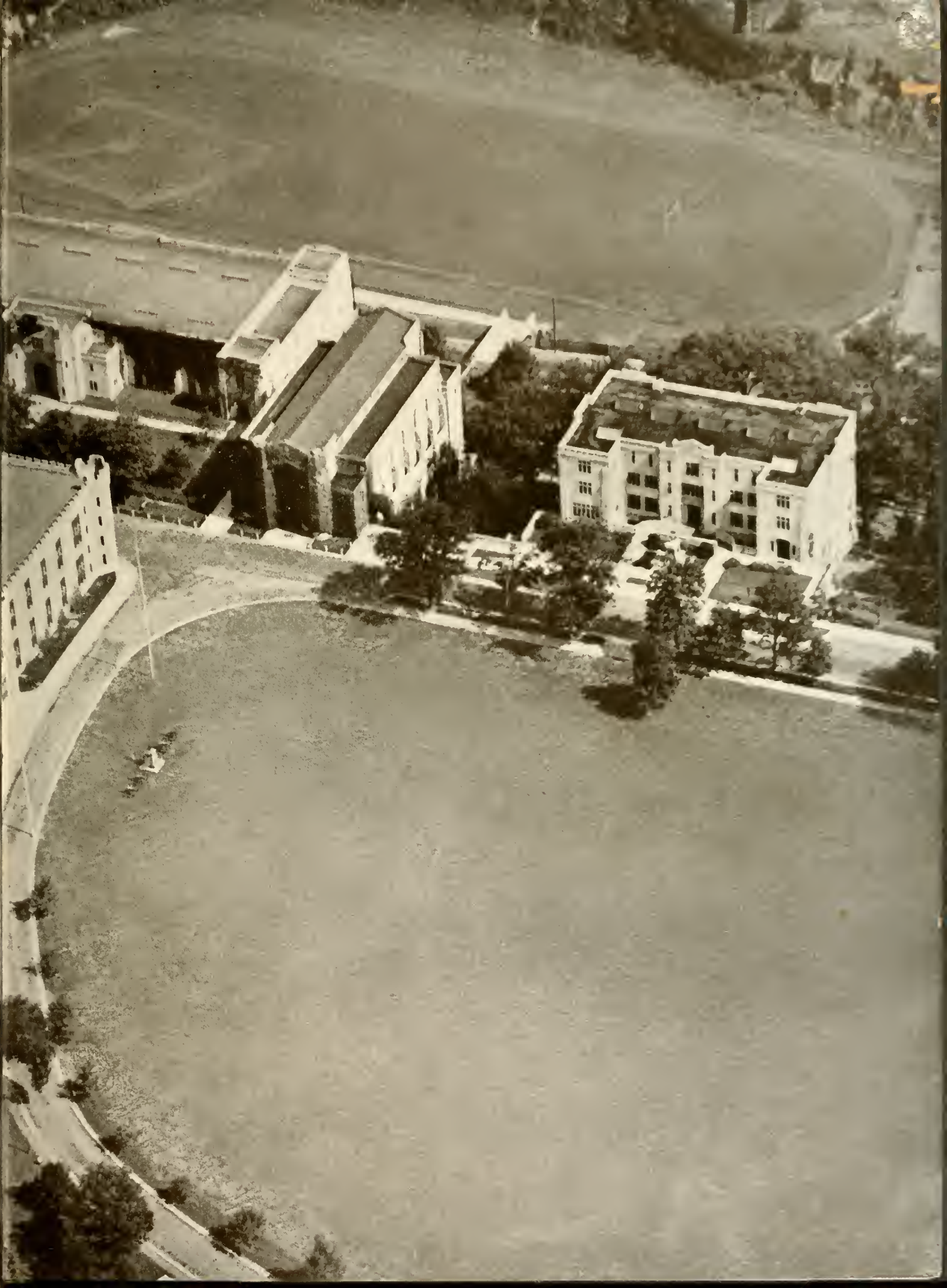


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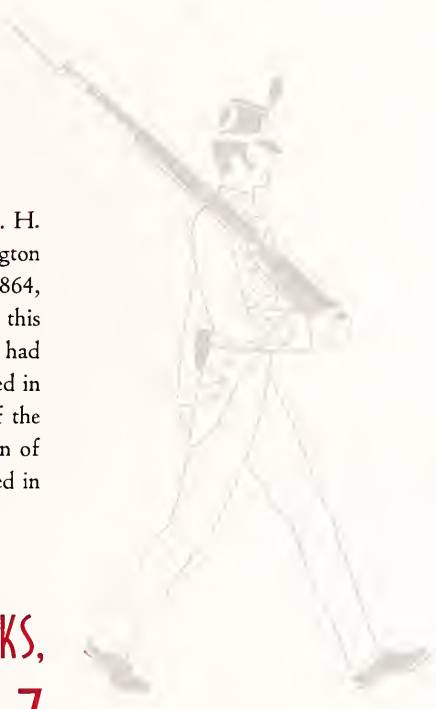


1. Superintendent's Quarters, built 1847.
2. Camp and Guard Tree.
3. Major Gilham's Quarters, built 1839.
4. Barracks, built 1816, enlarged 1839.
5. Arsenal (hip roof), built 1816.
6. Captain Williamson's Quarters, built 1843.
7. Barrack extension, 1847.
8. Gun Shed, Library above, built 1844.
9. Mess Hall, built 1840.

LIMIT GATES BEFORE 1920

It is interesting to note that at the time this picture was taken the distance between the posts was just sufficient to admit the passage of a carriage. This distance was increased in 1920 and again in 1936.

V. M. I.'S HUNDREDTH GLORIOUS YEAR



During the Civil War General D. H. Hunter took the town of Lexington and burned the Institute in 1864, leaving it in ruins. At the time this picture was taken reconstruction had begun, and the corps was quartered in cabins like the one to the right of the barracks as well as in that portion of the barracks which was not injured in Hunter's Raid.

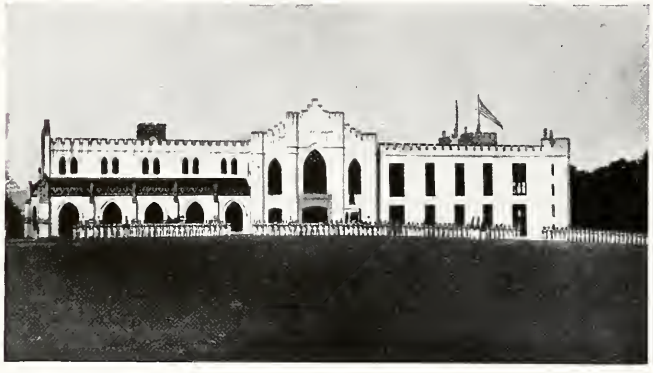
RUINS OF BARRACKS, 1866 - 1867





Barracks, 1889

In this old view of the south side of the barracks, one is immediately impressed with the absence of the parapet and the modern gymnasium. Closer examination will reveal chimneys in every tower and an exterior balcony between the two main towers.



Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hall

This building was dedicated in 1897. The portion to the left of the arch is Jackson Memorial Hall as it appeared in that year. The cadets were quartered in the barracks to the right of the arch. By 1917 the size of the corps necessitated larger accommodations, and the entire structure was converted into barracks.



Mess Hall, 1906

Replacing the mess hall, which was burned in 1905, this building was erected on the site of the one which served the corps in 1839. It was enlarged to some extent in 1918 and again in 1919. The present Crozet Hall replaced it in 1934.

PROLOGUE

1939

The purpose of this volume is to show, pictorially and verbally, the progress of the Virginia Military Institute throughout her one hundred years of glorious existence, and to serve as an album of the life within her walls today. If the reader sees in it a summary of impressive progress, and if, in years to come, the alumnus may delve in it and thrill at the recollection of memorable events, then it will have fulfilled its purpose.



DEDICATION

AT a time when the Virginia Military Institute is about to enter her second century of service to the state and the nation, it is only meet that her Centennial Class should wish to honor one who has given freely of his strength that her glory might be greater. ¶ Our search has been neither long nor difficult. In Colonel Joseph Button we recognize a man whose devotion for this institution and whose faithful efforts in her behalf are clearly inscribed upon our record. ¶ To him we dedicate this, the Centennial Edition of the Bomb, with the certain knowledge that his accomplishments will inspire us to nobler efforts in behalf of V.M.I. ¶ To him we offer our highest tribute of regard and affection.



COLONEL JOSEPH BUTTON

Colonel Button has served longer on the Board of Visitors than any other appointive member in the history of V.M.I. First named to the Board in 1910, he has played a vital role in each of the dramatic episodes which have brought V.M.I. into the front rank of educational institutions. The development of the present parade ground and the construction of Memorial Hall are monuments to his foresight and vigor.

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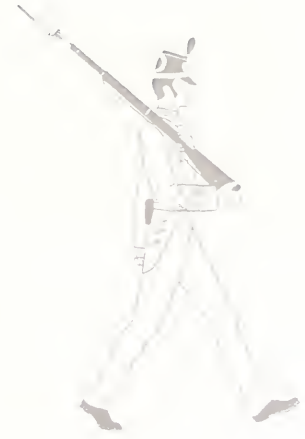
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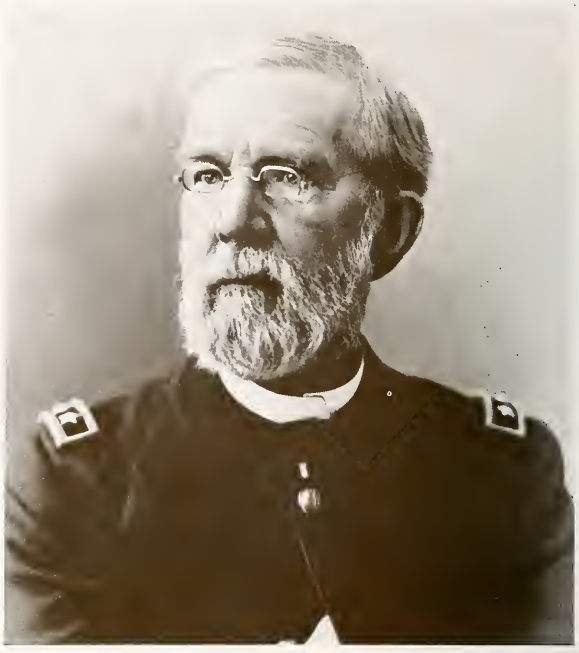
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THE INSTITUTE



MAJOR-GENERAL FRANCIS H. SMITH

1840-1889

Born October 18, 1812, son of Francis H. Smith, merchant of Norfolk. Commissioned Second Lieutenant, First Artillery, November 30, 1833. After his graduation from the United States Military Academy in July, he was on garrison duty for a year, then taught geography, history, and ethics at the Academy for a year. In 1834 he married Sarah Henderson; they had seven children. Resigning his commission in 1836 to accept the professorship of mathematics at Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia, in June, 1839, he became principal professor and after 1840 Superintendent of the newly organized Virginia Military Institute, to the service of which he devoted the remainder of his life. After 50 years as superintendent, as a builder and rebuilder of V. M. I., Ceneral Smith retired, December 31, 1889.

He died in Lexington, March 21, 1890.



ACADEMIC BUILDING, 1900

JACKSON STATUE



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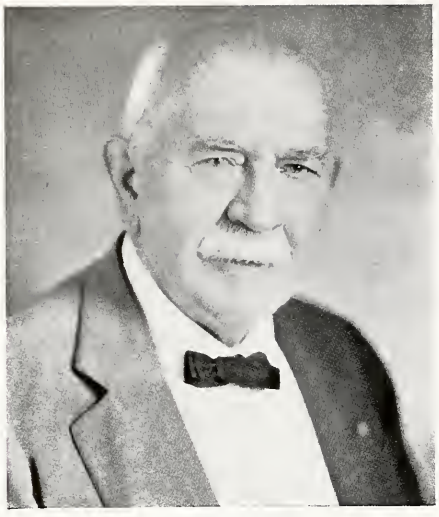
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THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL ENGINEERING

Under the able guidance of General Anderson and his large staff '39's Civil Engineering men managed to plot their way through two years of V. M. I.'s grand old course. Along winding railroad curves, through stupendous cuts, over amazing fills, across dams and over bridges, the largest group of '39ers in any department followed General Anderson, Colonel Marr et al to their diplomas. Slave as they would in the afternoon drawing classes under Colonel Boykin, the nights before Christmas and Finals found drawing academy lights burning until breakfast when weary Civil men proudly turned in their handiwork.

As they leave the transits, drawing boards, and labs of V. M. I., the Civil Engineers of '39 turn gratefully to the tireless men of the Nichols Engineering Building who have taught them that a V. M. I. cadet can tackle anything from a gatepost to the Grand Coulee dam as long as he has a slide rule in his pocket and four years of tough work in his brain.

MAJ. HANES MAJ. LOWRY CAPT. GRANT MAJ. BLAINE
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THE DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS



COL. B. D. MAYO

No course is as important to a V. M. I. cadet as mathematics, a fact which he soon finds out when he is confronted with six hours of it a week during his first year. This year, however, calculus was eliminated from the curriculum of the third class liberal arts as a required subject. Many were the heads shaken in doubt, and the prediction was that everyone would be taking liberal arts in order to escape calculus, but calculus drove no one away from the scientific courses, and Colonel Byrne and Colonel Mayo are still demonstrating the properties of differentiation and integration to almost as many as before. Although teaching some of the most difficult courses in V. M. I.'s curriculum, the staff of the math department has always shown itself to be one of the most patient and understanding in helping the strugglers.

From this department have come some of the most cogently phrased observations on academic ability to be found at V. M. I., and the old alumnus may not remember how to integrate, but he can't forget that it is comparable to "getting money from home."



CAPT. VOSE
COL. BYRNE

MAJ. CLARKSON
COL. MAYO

MAJ. KNOX
COL. PURDY





COL. FRANCIS MALLORY

THE DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

Not a cadet is graduated from V. M. I. who has not delved into the mysteries of physics and its amazing laws under the able guidance of Colonel Mallory or one of his assistants. Colonel Mallory himself can boast of having pounded the irrefutable laws of physics into the heads of cadets and of having initiated their sons into the same mysteries years later. Year after year this department ably introduces cadets to the most fundamental course in a scientific or a liberal education and later carries its scientists on to intensive work that makes them proud to match their knowledge of physics with anyone.

To Colonel Mallory, Colonel Heflin, and Major Weaver came Captain I. G. Foster, who not only showed himself well qualified to uphold the teaching tradition of the department but also proved himself to be a godsend to cadets with calculus behind them. With the traditions of Maury and Brooke behind them, the Physics Department, which is as old as V. M. I., carries on.



Col. Heflin Capt. Foster Col. Mallory Maj. Weaver



THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING



COL. STEWART W. ANDERSON

It is only the cadet with limitless fortitude and determination who attempts a degree in electrical engineering. The also-rans are convinced during their third class year that E. E. is somebody else's job. A man has to be good to get by E. E., a fact that can be attested by Col. Stewart W. Anderson, the department's capable head and moving spirit. F. C. P.'s are often few and far between, but the fact remains that at graduation the electrical department invariably produces some of our country's finest engineers. To the layman, the electrical department resembles a conglomeration of ohms, wires, alternators, ammeters, resistances, and various other peculiar pedimenta. To the second classman, who has short-circuited his way through d. c., the course represents a three-phase chimera which exhibits a marked tendency to bring numerous zips. As a graduate, however, the cadet realizes what fine training and what excellent instruction he has received, and is proud to be a graduate of our noted Electrical Engineering Department.



COL. TRINKLE COL. ANDERSON MAJ. JAMISON





COL. W. O. SWAN

THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

The Chemistry Department has had a difficult task this year undergoing the ordeal of pounding elementary chemistry into the unreceptive skulls of both third and fourth classmen. Somehow these young gentlemen can't see why H O NaC1 doesn't give hydrochloric acid, and it is only through the inherent genius of our chemistry professors, ably led by Col. Swann, the department head, that these test tube babies ever emerge. Nor is the Chemistry Department one to relax in providing studious "enjoyment" for its students. Obnoxious odors exude unceasingly from the Chemistry Building, and gallons of midnight oil are expended in the lab. Cadets adorned with flasks, beakers, and crucibles are a mute testimony that something is "brewing" in Chem. Lab. Suffice it that, carrying on the high, progressive standards established by Col. Pendleton, the Chemistry Department has one of the highest ratings in the South. Closely connected with the Chemistry Department are the pre-medical students, who labor amid unknown texts and other monstrosities, and with whom Maj. Carroll has done exceptionally fine work.



MAJ. RITCHIE MAJ. GERMAN CAPT. TRAVIS CAPT. KELLY CAPT. HORNE
COL. SWAN COL. YOUNG COL. CARROLL COL. STEIDTMANN



THE DEPARTMENT OF LIBERAL ARTS



COL. W. M. HUNLEY

Although the youngest of the departments and possibly not so renowned as some of the others, the Department of Liberal Arts is swiftly coming to the fore and establishing a firm place for itself at V. M. I. In the past, it has been erroneously thought by some that L. A. was a "crip" course for those aesthetic young gentlemen who were not blessed with mathematical or test tube minds, and for those who possessed an overpowering desire for the "hay" three afternoons a week. Such is not the case. On the contrary, the L. A. man probably spends more time on his books than any other, although his work is of a less exacting sort. Specifically, the L. A. Department is for those who prefer Shakespeare to advanced calculus and history to highways. Thus it provides a splendid, comprehensive course for men who feel that a literary, intellectual course is more worth while than a more technical training. Under the able leadership of Col. Hunley, with the talented help of Col. Dixon, Col. Fuller, and Col. Bates, the Liberal Arts Department is now an integral part of V. M. I.



COL. BATES COL. READ COL. FULLER MR. BARNES COL. HUNLEY MAJ. MONTAGUE COL. TOWNES COL. DIXON





COL. T. A. E. MOSELEY

FOREIGN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

Merely glance in any Keydet's room and you will undoubtedly find more than ample evidence of the Foreign Language Department. Grammars, readers, and novels (French, Spanish, or German, take your choice) are inevitably strewn about, to say nothing of the usual well-thumbed dictionaries. "So I can tell her that I adore her in every tongue" is the customary Keydet excuse for burning the midnight oil and pouring over the intricacies presented by his foreign language courses. Yet in reality, we are more likely impelled by the desire to acquire a bit of the romance and atmosphere of these far-distant places and to share at least in part the wealth of knowledge of our well-versed instructors. For in our foreign languages we derive far more than a mere desultory knowledge of the language itself. Thanks to the interest and capacity of our professors and their broad knowledge derived from personal experience, we are able to acquire also something of the cultural history of the country, the folklore, the musical and literary achievements. And in the travel which we all hope to enjoy in years to come, we shall have more than one occasion to thank the Foreign Language Department for their patience with us and for the inspiration which they imparted to us.



COL. MILLNER MAJ. WELLES MAJ. BLAINE CAPT. LIPSCOMB COL. MOSELEY CAPT. DILLARD COL. EDWARDS





THE CLASSES



BRIGADIER-GENERAL SCOTT SHIPP

1890-1907

Born in Fauquier County, Virginia, August 2, 1839; attended Warren Green Academy, Warrenton, Virginia, and Fulton College, Fulton, Missouri; member of engineering corps in Missouri, 1855-'56; entered V. M. I. September, 1856, graduating in 1859 with fourth stand in a class of 29, and as Captain of Company "D." Assistant Professor of Mathematics, V. M. I., 1859-'60; Professor of Latin, 1860-'61; Assistant Adjutant-General, Captain in the Provisional Army of Virginia and Major of the Twenty-first Virginia Volunteers, 1861; Commandant of Cadets, V. M. I., September, 1861-'90; in command of the battalion of cadets at the Battle of New Market, May 18, 1864; graduated in Law at Washington and Lee University while commandant of cadets; Professor of Latin, 1876-'90; Superintendent of V. M. I., 1890-1907.



VIRGINIA MOURNING HER DEAD, 1903



THE CLASS OF 1·9·3·9

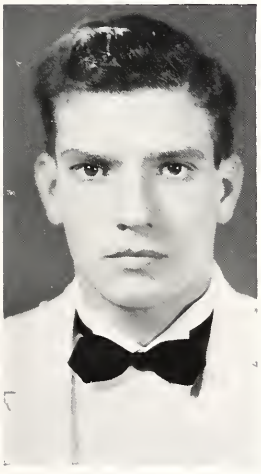
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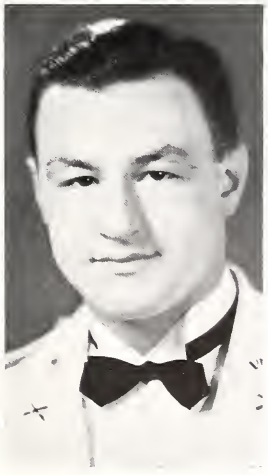
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RIDDLEBERGER



FREDERICK WILLIAM TERRY COSSETTE ADAMS

"Freddy" "Alphabe" BETHLEHEM, PENNSYLVANIA

Civil Engineering

Infantry

Private (4, 3, 2, 1); Boxing (4); Editorial Staff *Cadet* (3, 2, 1); Glee Club (2, 1); Second Class Show (2); Secretary Glee Club (1).

One of Fred's chief characteristics is that he's hard to wake up once he is asleep. However, in this case there exists a compensation in that when awake he is intensively alive, capable of feeling into a man and touching upon the suitable point.

Whether in general conversation or in answer to practically any question, he can always give the definition, synopsis, or an analogous anecdote that will bring the conversation into a deeper, finer field. His scope of knowledge in all subjects has made us regard his word with reverence and his delivery cannot help but inspire his listeners.

From the beginning of our associations with Fred we could easily see that he came from the best, is used to the best, and in the course of the years he has made us realize that he will always have nothing but the best. We believe that if he maintains his natural disposition, as shown by his way of life these four years, the future for him is assured.



GEORGE SIDNEY ANDREW, JR.

"Andy" NORTHFIELD, VERMONT

Liberal Arts

Cavalry

Private (4, 1); Wrestling (4); Track (4); Corporal (3) Glee Club (3, 1); Sergeant (2); Associate Editor, *Cadet* (2); Editor, *Cadet* (1); Athletic Council (1); O. G.'s Association (1).

Andy will long be remembered by the cavalry brothers for his "Washington Merry-Go-Round" in a swinging-door and for his well-earned nickname of "Two-julep." Straight from the plains of Kansas came this slim-faced lad to make his military debut at the Institute, and, starting from scratch, he accumulated a vast host of friends. You could not know Andy without liking him for his brilliant personality and true friendship. Born a Liberal Artist, he practiced his chosen profession by very ably editing *The Cadet*, spreading his opinions far and wide in the form of IPSO FACTO. Of no small value were Andy's athletic contributions to dear old "C" Company. George's military career had its jumps and spurts, terminating in his assuming the rank of "one of the boys." A lover of no mean ability, Andy has wooed and won many girls, leaving a trail of broken hearts from Texas to Vermont, each time with the firm belief that "this time I've found the real thing." George Andrew, with his literary ability, should never know the word "down," for his success was sealed when he signed up with the L. A. boys. He will always be remembered as a fine fellow and a true Brother Rat of the Class of '39.

Charles Castro Arms

"C²" Charlotte, North Carolina

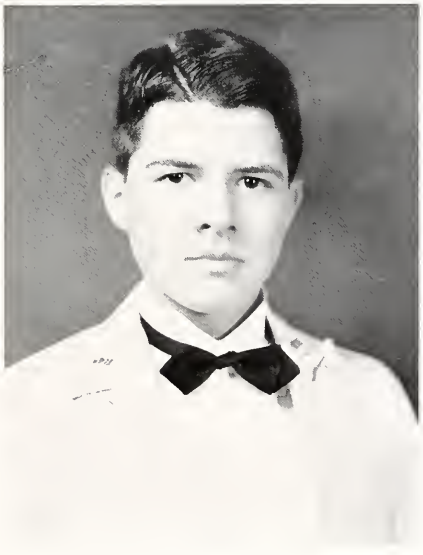
Pre-Medical

Field Artillery

Private (4, 3, 2, 1); Boxing (4, 3); V. A. S. (2, 1).

Throughout his four years at V. M. I. "C Square" has shown his industriousness in both academic and non-academic work. His spare time has been divided between the beakers, test tubes, and flasks of the lab, and the gloves and mat of the gym. His lab experiments were watched by the brothers with a cautious eye, for many were not classified as orthodox. Taking nothing for granted, Charlie always ran additional reactions to substantiate the words of his instructors. Differing from many, he was more in learning than in making grades, and pursued his studies with an interest and intelligence that put him with the best of them when examination time came around. This inquiring attitude coupled with a characteristic thoroughness will bring success in any field that "C Square" enters.

The bugle was a constant source of worry to Charlie (causing him many a walk into the country) by blowing before Arms was in ranks. He always took this with a smile. It is this same indomitable spirit that will carry him to success in later life.



Charles Eastlake Babcock

"Puss" "Charlie" San Francisco, Cal.

Liberal Arts

Cavalry

Private (4, 3, 2, 1); I. A. L. A. (2, 1); Assistant Manager Baseball (2); Intramural Company Manager (1); Glee Club (1), Intramural Council (1).

Charlie is a true Californian, and he doesn't mind admitting it.

He has been "one of the boys" since the advent of his career at V. M. I. four long years ago, and many have been the times that Charlie has provided headaches for the authorities, though never in a malicious way. He has walked weary miles along penalty tour road, but he must have gotten something in return, because he has been a leader in intramurals since his Rat year, climaxing his successes with the intramural managership of "A" Company for 1938-39.

Charlie's name has appeared on the honor roll a number of times, and although he never made academic stars we are convinced of his high intelligence.

Topping all of Charlie's activities is his career as a socialite. We have learned from very good authority that his name is a by-word down Lynchburg and Richmond way.





JAMES HAROLD BAILEY

"Jimmie" LAUREL, MISSISSIPPI

Chemistry

Field Artillery

Private (4); Track (4); Academic Stars (3, 2, 1); Orchestra (3), 2, 1); Corporal (3); Battalion Sergeant Major (2); Rifle Team (3, 2, 1); Second Class Show (2); V. A. S. (2, 1); Lieutenant (1); Manager, Rifle Team (1).

Jimmy started his military career at V. M. I. by marching the first section during his Rat year. From there his rise was steady; corporal, sergeant, battalion sergeant major, and second lieutenant. Academic stars have always accompanied the chevrons on his sleeves, proving both the qualities of a "brow" and a military man. In addition to his military and academic success, Jim supplied the vocals for the commanders for two years and consistently turned in good scores on the rifle team, managing this team his first class year.

In his second class year Bailey joined the test tube shakers, leaving forever the section in which he was invariably referred to as "Cadet Corporal Bailey of Mississippi." Substituting flasks and condensers in the first class years for the test tubes of previous years, Jimmy still led the field and led the way for the section in lab work. We know that Jimmie's record at V. M. I. in all fields is an indication of the success we all wish him in later life



PHILL BLANKS BALDWIN

"Phill" LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

Electrical Engineering

Field Artillery

Private (4); Academic Stars (4, 3, 2, 1); Gym Team (4, 3); Secret Eight (3, 2, 1); Corporal (3); First Sergeant (2); Second Class Finance (2); A. I. E. E. (2, 1); Chairman A. I. E. E. (1); Glee Club (1); Hop Committee (1); Captain (1).

Friends, chevrons, and femmes are Phill's. Because of his sincerity, generosity, and modesty, his friends are many. His stripes went only to his arm, and, as a result, he has always remained "one of the boys." As captain of his company, Phill has dealt fairly and squarely with every member in it. It was at summer camp that Phill began to develop hitherto unsupected romantic qualities. "Dropsy," the rambling ruin, almost died from overwork. He is putty in the hands of a beautiful girl, but fortunately he chooses only the nicest to go with. Baldwin comes from Little Rock, his Arkansas drawl is charming in his Glee Club bass. He was one of the moving spirits of the Little Symphony and also of the gym team. Phill was chosen president of the A. I. E. E. by his fellow civil engineers and has worn stars for three years —certain proof of his ability. Baldwin has been active in many fields, and, what's more, calmly and quietly, without striving or pushing, he has excelled in all of them. In Phill is exemplified the ideal all-around V. M. I. cadet!

Mercer Dean Barefield

"Bare" Hollandale, Mississippi

Civil Engineering

Cavalry

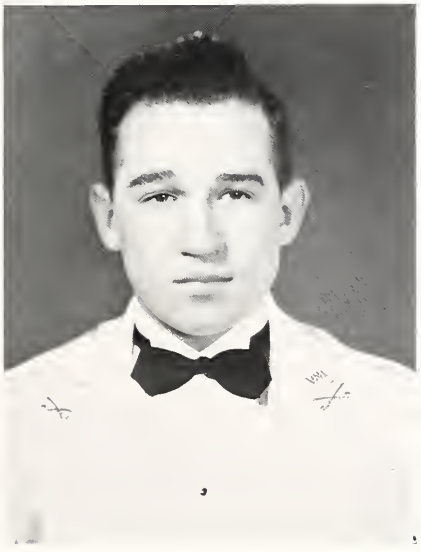
Private (4); Boxing (4); Intramurals (4, 3, 2, 1); Corporal (3); Sergeant (2); Assistant Manager, Wrestling (2); A. S. C. E. (2, 1); Lieutenant (1); Hunt Club (1).

Four years as a cadet at V. M. I. have not taken away Doc's love for his state nor his familiar "Gulf of Mexico" accent. He is one of the better known figures of '39 for a combination of reasons.

When Doc matriculated he decided that the cavalry was the branch for him. He made the right choice, for during his first class year he has been a proud and just wearer of three chevrons, all to the undoubted advantage of "C" Company. He has been a consistent student in the C. E. Department and has come close to academic stars. Yet he has found time to patronize the neighboring female institutions, seriously, in fact.

We had hopes of Doc's putting the Institute on the map as a boxer, and we regret that the abolishment of that sport has kept us from watching him develop there.

We don't know just what Doc will do, but it is probably safe to say that he will return to his beloved native state, Mississippi, in some very useful capacity.



William Francis Barnard, Jr.

"Lightning" "Frank" [illegible] Virginia

Civil Engineering

Field Artillery

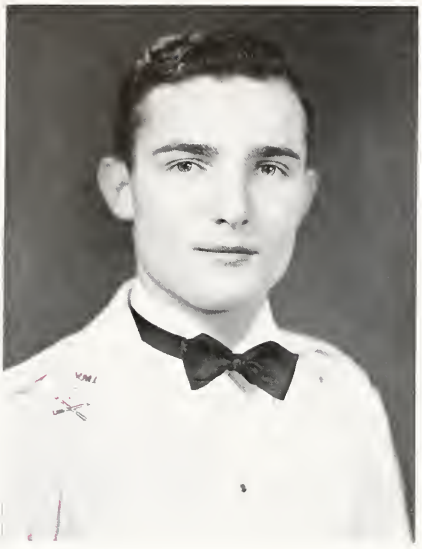
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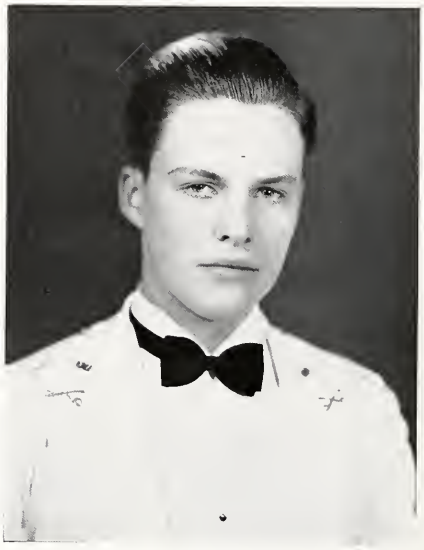
The old saying, "haste makes waste," will never apply to this son of ole Virginny. He always gets where he's going—after so long a time. That's why we call him "Lightning." We named him that one day in his third class year, after he pondered five minutes over whether he should play an ace or a king in a bridge game.

He may not be a genius, either academically or along military lines, but he has a quality we all admire—the ability to make friends easily. Ask anyone who knows him, and you will find that he is one of the best liked boys in barracks. The girls like him, too, don't they, Frank? He's everybody's friend, in spite of the fact that his ever-present jokes are somewhat pointless. Speaking of jokes, we like the way he bursts out laughing when he sees the point of one two years old.

Because of your winning personality, Frank, we think you'll go far in anything you try, but whatever you do, "take it easy!"







Bailey Hurley Barnes

"B. H." "Q. M." — Birmingham, Alabama

Chemistry

Field Artillery

Private (4); Gym Team (4, 3, 2, 1); Corporal (3); Assistant Stage Manager, Second Class Show (3); Q. M. Sergeant (2); Stage Manager, Second Class Show (2); V. A. S. (2, 1); Horse Team Show (1); Lieutenant (1).

In September, 1935, there appeared at the doors of J. M. Hall a very little man with a very big suitcase and a very energetic way about him; in all the phases of V. M. I., military, academic, and extra-curricular, the Birmingham Special has put that same energy to good use and has always ended up in the top brackets.

Informal oratory has always been Bailey's specialty, and his chief competitor for honors in this line has been Windy Feddeman, who has always had a good story to match with Bailey's. Able in class, Bailey has achieved distinction in such diversified activities as military, gymnastic work, horse show team, and Second Class Show, not to mention a few extra-curricular trips to Macon and the Briar Patch.

To the biggest man in the littlest package the brothers bid a fond farewell, knowing that the same abilities that he has shown at V. M. I. will carry him to success in the outside world.

Roger Irving Beale, Jr.

"Rajah" — Franklin, Virginia

Liberal Arts

Cavalry

Intramurals (4, 3, 2, 1); Baptist Club (4, 3, 2, 1); Rifle Team (4); Private (4); Corporal (3); Sergeant (2); Lieutenant (1); Hunt Club (1).

On one occasion a part of the corps was marching down a street in Richmond. A young lady remarked on the handsomeness of a tall cadet as one of the ranks came past her. You need only look at the accompanying picture to realize that this man could easily have been Rog Beale, and that is just who it was.

But Roger has qualities more intangible which those close to him have recognized. Roger figured that a library was not just a useless monument, and he has used the library to good advantage in the pursuit of his liberal arts subjects.

Rog has climaxed his V. M. I. career by serving faithfully and well as a second lieutenant in "A" Company. He has also been a capable pinch-hitter as adjutant of the first battalion.

We understand Rog has a business to carry on when he leaves the Institute. His interest in his fellowmen and sincere desire to make good combined with the other qualities which we have mentioned equip him to carry on.

Robert Harold Becker

"Bob" — Poughkeepsie, New York

Civil Engineering

Field Artillery

Private (4, 3, 2, 1); Yankee Club (4, 3, 2, 1); Polo (3); Jumping Team (2, 1); Second Class Show (2); O. G.'s Association (1).

Why Bobby ever left Poughkeepsie and Vassar for Lexington and the "Cemetery" no one has ever guessed. Maybe he decided that gals with brains haven't much else to offer. Anyway, it was a happy day in the "hundred years of glory" when he signed his name to the little blue card that balmy September morning when the class of '39 entered upon its "four long years." Bob was the second mister to report in September of '35, and since then he has kept himself right out in front so far as his Brother Rats have been concerned. Whenever there was a job to do he was always ready and willing. A Brother Rat's woes were always his care. Were you ever in the doldrums and failed to find Bobby sympathetic? You can bet your running pants you didn't! His good humor was unshakable, and one always felt better for having been in his company. As a conscientious worker Bob was hard to surpass. Perhaps he wasn't the 'brow Civil man, but his work was always done.



John Gilliam Bernard

"Johnny" — Petersburg, Virginia

Electrical Engineering

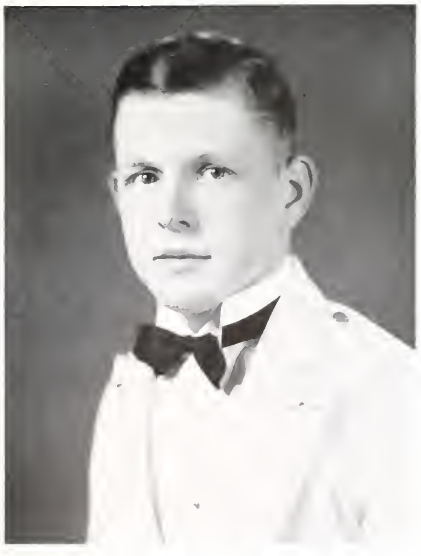
Field Artillery

Private (4, 2, 1); Boxing (4); Academic Stars (3, 2, 1); Corporal (3); A. I. E. E. (2, 1); Assistant Manager, Football (2); Second Class Finance Committee (2); Hop Committee (1); Executive Committee, A. I. E. E. (1).

Every day we hear of a baby being born with a silver spoon in his mouth, but seldom indeed is one born with a slide rule held in his hand. Johnny must have been of this latter type, for he is indisputably the mathematical wizard of V. M. I. Early in his third class year he was given the nickname "Phi" in recognition of his prowess in calculus. He was always willing to lend a helping hand in aiding others, not infrequently holding coaching classes and giving special instruction to the boys who were having a tough time. Coupled with his scholastic abilities Johnny has keen judgment and sound common sense.

In spite of all his good work in barracks, "Phi" has never quite been forgiven for his actions the last morning of camp at Fort Hoyle when he brought visitors and stood guard at the barracks door from First Call until Reveille!

If the men at the top in science or business of the future are to be made up of men with intelligence and common sense, then Johnny will be with them.





PAUL RUTHERFORD BICKFORD

"Digs" HAMPTON, VIRGINIA

Civil Engineering

Field Artillery

Private (4, 2, 1); Wrestling (4, 2, 1); Corporal (3); Intramural Wrestling Champion, 135-lb. Class (3); A. S. C. E. (2, 1); Manager, Baseball (1).

What a weeping of lovely eyes and breaking of lonely hearts there will be when Paul Bickford graduates from V. M. I. A notorious lady-killer, he is famed for his romantic escapades. But this Hampton boy has other claims to fame. For example, he has been especially proficient in athletics. He was the 135-lb. intramural wrestling champion his third class year and was manager of the 1939 baseball team. "Digs" is also one of the outstanding personalities of V. M. I. Above all else, he is a past master at clever repartee, and barracks has a word for his ability to talk himself out of many an embarrassing situation. He is one of the best liked fellows in school, for he has an appealing and friendly personality that one cannot help being attracted to. Although he was a corporal, since his third class year Bickford has remained one of the clean-sleeve boys. In spite of his romantic success, which we all envy, Paul Bickford is doubtlessly a man's man. He is one cadet the whole school will miss, for he has contributed much to V. M. I.



HARMAN PAUL BIGLER

"H. P." TROUTVILLE, VIRGINIA

Civil Engineering

Field Artillery

Private (4, 3, 2, 1); Academic Stars (2, 1); A. S. C. E. (2, 1); Astronomy Club (1).

On that fateful day in nineteen hundred and thirty-five there was a fellow matriculate among us not destined for military fame, but who was to become one of the best of the brothers. The "Gourd" was older than most of us, having worked several years after graduating from high school. Appropriately titled "Brow," he was never too busy to stop and help one of the boys struggling through a problem. It can easily be said that section C-1 owes a lot to the "Big," and if the truth be known, some of its members might not have graduated but for his aid. The "Gourd's" easy going nature and love for trifling has placed him in the center of many gay gatherings.

In spite of his occasional light moods, his academic stars, and his one woman romance, his true love for the "hay" has remained with him.

Barracks has known no harder worker, no more sincere or better friend than "Big." With such characteristics how can he fail?

Raymond Charles Blackmon

"Blackie" — Eufaula, Alabama

Civil Engineering

Infantry

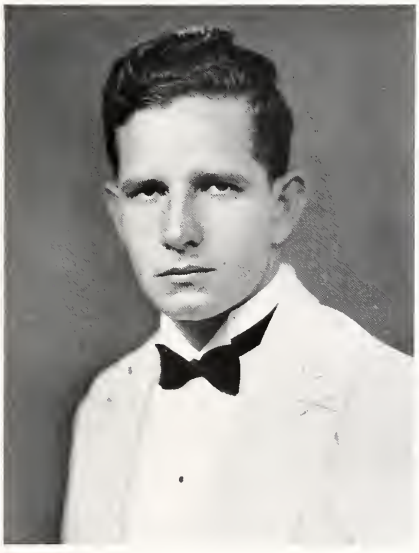
Private (4, 2, 1); Corporal (3); Varsity Rifle Team (3, 2, 1); Manager "B" Company, Intramural Rifle Team (2, 1); A. S. C. E. (2, 1); Member Secret Fifteen (2, 1); Captain, Rifle Team (1); O. D.'s Roster (1).

Ray came from Eufaula, Alabama, and whatever the town is it is obviously a breeder of that popular type known as the strong, silent man. But continuing his attentions to one, Ray has spurned the hordes of lovely girls that are traditionally in pursuit of the S. S. M. More activities than girls have occupied Ray's mind during his four years at V. M. I.

His calm, unruffled temperament has proved to be the necessary characteristic for one of the best marksmen in barracks. Active not only in intramurals, where he managed the "B" Company rifle team, he also showed his marksmanship to be of intercollegiate calibre by firing on the varsity rifle team for three years, captaining it his first class year.

"B" Company also chose him for its outstanding private by putting him on the O. D.'s roster, and many were the "superiors" that the infantrymen garnered as a result of Ray's tours.

Few things have upset Ray's tranquil outlook on life; he knows his abilities, sees his opportunities, and makes the most of everything that comes his way with a firm, unshakable determination to succeed.



Nathan Bolotin

"Blotz" — Sharon, Pennsylvania

Electrical Engineering

Cavalry

Private (4, 3, 2, 1); Yankee Club (4, 3, 2, 1); A. I. E. E. (2, 1); O. G.'s Association (1).

At the start of his second class year Nathan took the bit in his teeth and joined the ranks of the favored few in the Department of Electrical Engineering.

Never the entertainer of vast military ambition, Nathan has been content to flaunt a clean sleeve on one of the "grossest" blouses ever seen within the sacred portals of V. M. I. From birth "Blotz" has had a rabid fear of horseflesh, so—he joined the cavalry. From that day forward he has maintained vehemently that mankind was created to keep its feet, and feet alone, on the ground.

Nathan has probably done more research in the literary field than any of his Brother Rats. His library of "Amazing Stories" and "Wild West Tales" can hardly account for the numerous times Bolotin, N., has appeared upon the monthly honor roll.

Quiet, unassuming, and blessed with a spirit of generosity found in but few men, Nathan can rest assured of his position in the hearts of his friends.





William Anderson Bond

"Bill" "Buck" — Vernon, Texas

Liberal Arts

Field Artillery

Private (4); Football (4); Texas Club (4, 3, 2, 1); Corporal (3); Interbattalion Football (3, 2, 1); First Sergeant (2); Second Class Finance Committee (2); Business Staff, *The Cadet* (2); Business Staff, Bomb (2); Battalion Commander (1); President, Texas Club (1); Business Manager, Bomb (1); President, Presbyterian Club (1); Honor Court (1); General Committee (1); Treasurer, Hop Committee (1).

Texas put her best foot forward when she sent Bucking Bill Bond to represent her at V. M. I. The fact that Bill could juggle figures as well as a lariat earned him the treasurership of the Second Class Finance Committee, the Hop Committee, and the respect of every cadet in school. Chevrons were showered down upon him and Bill took them as easily as he did the rest of his activities.

A never-ruffled good temper has been one of Bill's chief charactertistics, and in four years none of the brothers has ever seen Bill without a friendly smile and the omnipresent cigar. The presidency of the Texas Club could not have gone to anyone but Bill.

To one of its ablest and finest men '39 bids good-bye with difficulty, knowing that wherever you are, Bill, and whatever you are doing, we will be proud to claim you as a V. M. I. man, a Brother Rat, and a fine friend.



Lewis Booker, Jr.

"Lew" — New Castle, Delaware

Liberal Arts

Field Artillery

Private (4); Corporal (3); Episcopal Vestry (3, 2, 1); Q. M. Sergeant (2), Captain (1).

When four years ago Lewis came here from Delaware, following in the chevron-studded wake of his older brother, he must have keenly felt the obligation of succeeding in a military way, for today we find the chevrons of "E" Company's captaincy gracing his sleeve. But not only has he succeeded through perseverance and hard work in making his way from the ranks to a position of authority, but he has earned the praise and respect of those who served under him, and finest of all has earned the love and devotion of all his Brother Rats. Academics, however, didn't come so easily to Lewis and it has been a struggle all the way through, supplemented by an occasional session with the Floating University. It is a great tribute to him that he has grimly stuck to German and math and has come off with that justly deserved Dip. Trouble or no trouble, Lewis never tried very hard to keep his mind off the women, and thus resulted trips to Suffolk, and all the other Casanovian eccentricities!

We bid adieu to a Liberal Artist and a gentleman.

William Fitz-Gerald Brand, Jr.

"Buddy" Salem, Virginia

Chemistry

Field Artillery

Private (4, 2); Intramurals (4, 3, 2, 1); Corporal (3); V. A. S. (2, 1); Business Staff, *Bomb* (1); Secretary, Symphony Orchestra (1); Lieutenant (1).

In Billy we have one of the best examples of good natured bluster a Brother Rat could hope to find. His best friends call him Tuffy or the Terror of the Stoop. It has been murmured around that he is a terror with the girls, too, and judging from his frequent appearances at Macon, Hollins, and Sweet Briar, we can easily believe it. Billy, we might add, has been one of those fortunates who has had a wonderful time in barracks and hasn't had to pay for it.

Seriously, Billy is one of the best officers and students the Institute can boast of, and Salem has good reason to be proud of him. He has done his work well and should emerge from an array of broken test tubes and beakers to become an excellent chemist. As an officer and a gentleman he is unexcelled, and as a cadet he has earned the respect and friendship of all his Brother Rats. Keep smiling, Billy, and the world will indeed smile with and not at you; that's half the fight.

Ilbert de Lacy Brayshaw

"Col." Smithfield, Virginia

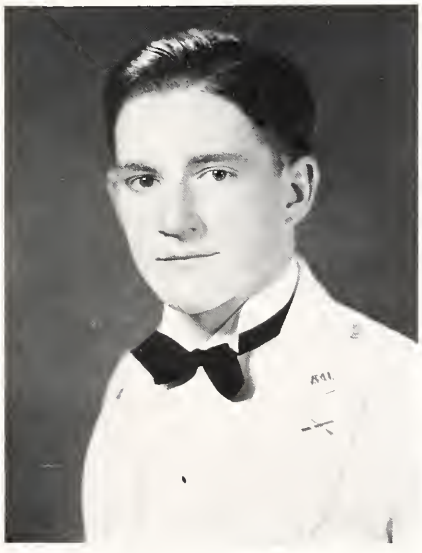
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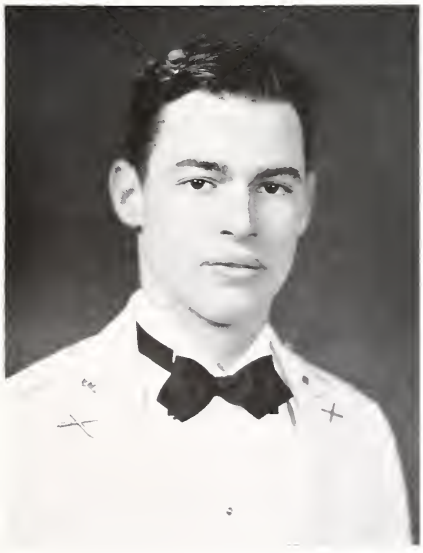
Field Artillery

Private (4, 3, 2, 1); Track (4, 2); Intramural Track (2); A. S. C. E. (2, 1).

Ilbert de Lacy Brayshaw is the son of a minister and, as a result, has shown us just what constitutes the best type of all-around regular fellow. Although he is not an academic "brow," "Col." has not only managed to keep well up in his studies but still found time enough to be a good intramural man, horseman, track star, and first-class "buck." He has collected many trophies and ribbons from the horse shows and intramural competitions. He is mighty proud of the fact that he has done his share toward keeping the blue rag attached to "F" Company's guideon!

The "Colonel's" chief characteristic is his determination to make good at V. M. I., and he has proceeded to do so by hard work. When a problem comes up that calls for deep concentration, the "Colonel" is sure to be among the few who put in the time and effort required to get the correct result—a trait which will stand him in good stead as a slip-stick manipulator. Because of this industry and ability, and his splendid character, we are all proud to have Ilbert Brayshaw as a Brother Rat.







LEE OMAR BRAYTON, JR.

"L. O." DYERSBURG, TENNESSEE

Civil Engineering

Field Artillery

Private (4, 3, 2, 1); Intramurals (4, 3, 2, 1); Basketball (4); Track (4); Tennis (2, 1); Assistant Manager, Tennis (2); Glee Club (2, 1); A. S. C. E. (2, 1); Riding Club (2, 1).

From out of Dyersburg, that metropolis in Tennessee, in case you don't recall, came "L. O." Brayton to make history in the annals of V. M. I. There are few indeed who haven't heard of his prowess at tennis. His has been "That Voice" in our own glee club these past two years that made the girls tingle with delight.

A man with more concentration power was never known. How a man can study with the radio going and about a dozen friends around him at once is nothing short of a miracle, yet to L. O. it was natural, and he did well, too.

And the women? They never perturb L. O. Indeed, he is never satisfied unless sporting several around. It's too bad there weren't enough dances for him to have them to. L. O. is a whiz, indeed, around the ladies and at the wheel of an automobile.

We shall all miss L. O. and his gay repartee; and it is with sadness that we say good-bye to the old maestro.



RAYMOND CECIL BRITTINGHAM, JR.

"Buddie" "Ray" HAMPTON, VIRGINIA

Civil Engineering

Field Artillery

Private (4); Football (4, 3, 2, 1); Baseball (4, 3, 2, 1); Corporal (3); Swimming (3); Monogram Club (3, 2, 1); Second Class Finance Committee (2); Sergeant (2); A. S. C. E. (2, 1); Hop Committee (1); Lieutenant (1).

Ray was one of the more athletically inclined of the good brothers, for he played on both the varsity football and baseball teams. "Brit" played for three seasons at right end for "Pooley" and the Fighting Squadron, and held down second base on the baseball team.

An outstanding athlete, "Buddie" was also a major threat on "Buzz's" first team in the Civil Department. As a member of the Field Artillery and Company "E," his military advancement was rapid, for he was a corporal his third year, the next year a sergeant, and during his first class year Ray has been a lieutenant.

In spite of the various extra-curricular activities that the "Hampton Flash" has participated in, he has always had the time to trifle with his Brother Rats, too often finding his name displayed prominently on "Pinkey's bulletin board" though he never did become a member of the charmed circle of true two percenters.

Claud Peterson Brownley, III

"Pete" Norfolk, Virginia

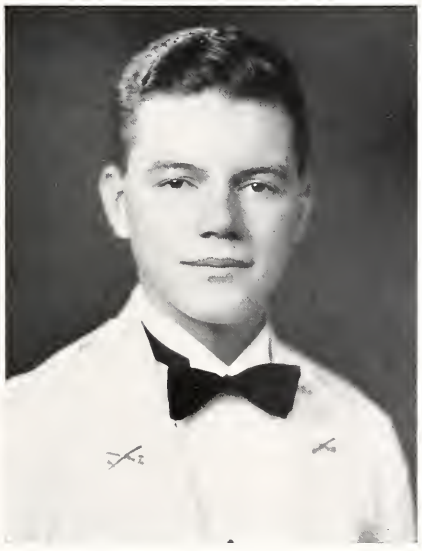
Civil Engineering

Cavalry

Private (4, 2, 1); Boxing (4); Baseball (4); Corporal (3); A. S. C. E. (2, 1); Assistant Manager, Track (2); Portsmouth Club (4, 3, 2, 1); Color Guard (1); O. G.'s Association (1); Club "123" (1); Mounted Pistol Expert (1); Rifle Marksman (1); Pistol Marksman (1).

Pete came to us from Norfolk four years ago, but during his last three years has divided his attention between the home town and Richmond. The latter held a particularly strong attraction for him. Oley and the Civil Department presented no terrors for Pete, for he gave them the minimum amount of attention necessary and still found plenty of time for his favored spot—the hay.

At the beginning of his third class year Pete was adorned with chevrons, but because of love of a good time he was doomed to join the "brothers" in the ranks. His block running escapades were never impeded by the authorities. Because of its association with Pete's jovial personality, quick wit, and ability to win lasting friends by his contagious charm and good humor, Club "123" will never be forgotten. You'll have the best wishes of your Brother Rats, Pete. Good-bye and good luck!



George Cameron Budd

"Cam" "Buddine" Portsmouth, Virginia

Civil Engineering

Infantry

Private (4, 3, 2, 1); Richmond Club (4, 3, 2, 1); A. S. C. E. (2, 1); Keeper of the Reefers, Barbary Coast (1).

Called "Gilmore Charlie," "Carmelita Q." and other names by those who tried to beat the horses, few knew the real name of the barracks bookie; but everyone knew and loved his patient, genial nature. He never seemed to be interested in women, but could always be found haunting the mail room around 9:30 every morning. If there was any sport he loved, it was hunting. Many a fair Wednesday and Saturday afternoon found him shouldering the old shotgun for a quiet walk on the mill-road. He was on time at matriculation, but there his punctuality ended. A clubman of the first water, he was a charter member of "Club '39," a high-ranking private on the Barbary Coast, top-ranking two percenter, and a partner in the Diggs-Budd Fleecing Co. Academics were secondary to his "tick" operations, but he always managed to keep on the starry side of 7.5 in Oley's Athenaeum. Earnest when earnestness was necessary, happy-go-lucky the rest of the time, he made many friends; and, "Bookie," we of '39 are putting our money behind you, not to show, not to place, but "on the nose."





Carter Lane Burgess

"Count" "Budjus" — Roanoke, Virginia

Liberal Arts

Infantry

Private (4); Roanoke Club (4, 3, 2, 1); Corporal (3); Radio Editor, *Cadet* (3, 2, 1); Assistant Manager, Football (3); I. A. L. A. Secretary (3); Floor Committee (3, 2); Second Class Finance Committee (2); Color Sergeant (2); Hop Committee (1); Lieutenant (1); Advertising Manager, Bomb (1).

"The silence is deafening!" How many of the brothers have said that when the "Count" has suddenly ceased his drumming in 156? His good cheer and ready wit exemplify Carter's disposition, and his frank invitation to "come in and hear the latest recordings," is the promise of a discussion of the true L. A.'s outlook upon life.

The Peck's Bad Boy of Jefferson High shed his nonconformist attitude when he entered these barracks, and no one has had a more conscientious military career than he. He proved that a man could win when the tide of fortune appeared to be at its lowest. He has been rewarded with steady promotion, and he has received his honors not the easy way, as so many of us have acquired ours, but by diligent effort, and we admire him for this.

Any man who exhibits both the ability and the desire to work during the formative years in college is destined to be a major success in the serious career of life after graduation.



John Moyler Carpenter

"Johnny" — Roanoke, Virginia

Chemistry

Cavalry

Private (4, 3, 2, 1); Roanoke Club (4, 3, 2, 1); Editorial Staff, *Cadet* (2, 1); Exchange Editor, *Cadet* (1); V. A. S. (2, 1); President, Roanoke Club (1).

Here is one of V. M. I.'s strongest supporters, and one who has been buffeted about by the faculty more than any other man in the corps. Undaunted by their hard usage, Johnny returned to summer school each year, and September found him back in barracks with his beloved Brother Rats, "the best bunch of boys in the world." He has earned his diploma, and if Jackson Hope Medals were given in recognition of hard work instead of academic proficiency, Johnny would have one of these to accompany his sheepskin on graduation day. It should not be judged, however, that it is all work with Johnny, for underneath his determination to graduate there is a happy-go-lucky, fun-loving streak that puts him right with the boys when there is fun of any sort going on. Determination to overcome all obstacles in accomplishing his ambition, a keen sense of humor with a fun-loving nature, and a winning personality summarize Johnny Carpenter. What better qualities could be present in one individual?

Douglas Willits Carr

"Street" Norton, Virginia

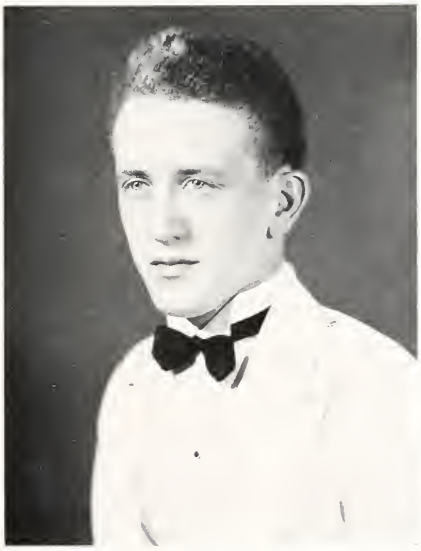
Chemistry

Field Artillery

Private (4, 3, 2, 1); Fencing (4, 3, 2).

From Clearwater, Florida, "Doug" returned to his native state to complete his education at V. M. I. It is difficult to determine where his strongest affections lie; with the old families of Virginia, from which he traces his lineage, or the sunny shores of the west coast of Florida. In the barracks bull sessions he favors the latter with his many stories of sailing in weather conditions in the many bays and inlets of the west coast. It is unusual for a Floridian to mention any but perfect weather, but in his sailing stories, the truth sometimes slipped out.

Doug did well in all his work at V. M. I., and stood high in his class in all subjects, but it is not this ability alone that will lead him to future success, for he has the faculty of getting along well with his fellow workers, helping them in their work, and making real friends. It is this cooperative spirit coupled with natural ability that has made Doug one of the real Brother Rats of the class of '39.



Bernard Pitzer Carter, Jr.

"Sonny" Richmond, Virginia

Liberal Arts

Field Artillery

Private (4, 3, 2, 1); Richmond Club (4, 3, 2, 1); Wrestling (4); Business Staff, *Cadet* (2); Assistant Manager Track (2); I. A. L. A. (2, 1); Club "123" (1); Manager Varsity Cross Country (1); Color Guard (1); Floor Committee (1); Bomb Staff, Cartoonist (1); Manager, Varsity Track (1).

When Sonny came to V. M. I. four years ago he brought with him those characteristics which have made him popular with all of us as one of the boys. He soon showed his ability to get the most enjoyment out of barracks life while taking academic work in the Liberal Arts Department in his stride.

Sonny and his green Plymouth were frequently seen streaking toward Richmond for that hurried date, and apparently his record-breaking trips were always successful, as the presence of that same date at most of the dances in the last three years would seem to indicate.

His varied interest in different phases of barracks life has been manifested by his work for *The Cadet*, the Bomb, and the constant pleasure he always brought to everyone. Few of us will ever forget the cheerfulness which Sonny spread over "Club Row" during our first class year.

We know he won't forget the Brother Rats that couldn't forget him.





Philip Williams Chase

"Phil" Baltimore, Maryland

Electrical Engineering

Cavalry

Private (4); Fencing Team (4, 3, 2); Corporal (3); *Cadet* Staff (2, 1); A. I. E. E. (2, 1); Sergeant (2); Private (1); O. G.'s Association (1).

Phil came to us from Baltimore, and his love for that city and for certain of its possessions has never wavered in the four years of his cadetship.

Phil has many extra-curricular interests: he is an expert on automobiles; he has made models of various types of autos, and many of them are surprisingly fine likenesses; he is a lover of music, plays the piano, and has a collection of organ recordings. He knows almost all the bands in the country and keeps a notebook of songs that have been popular through the years. Much of what has just been said is probably news to the brothers of '39, for Phil is too modest to make his accomplishments known. He is almost never heard to say a derogatory word about anyone. This habit, combined with many other qualities, has secured for him many friends who will not soon forget him.



John William Chiles

"Junior" "Mac" Saint Petersburg, Florida

Liberal Arts

Cavalry

Private (4); Football (4); Corporal (3); First Sergeant (2); Second Class Finance Committee (2); Hop Committee (1); Captain Horse Show Team (1); Battalion Commander (1).

Behind Junior's outward appearance there is a character which his looks do not falsely represent. It was inevitable even in our Rat year that John would be a leader in barracks life. He has accomplished that position of leadership, and we of the corps and of the class of '39 are more fortunate for it. Yet John has never been anything but himself in his rise to the commandership of the first battalion. He was not afraid to take chances, took them, and suffered for them; but in the end he achieved his goal because of the undeniable truth of that well-known phrase, "You can't keep a good man down." Those of us who have been closely associated with John have acquired both an affection and a respect for him.

It is indeed unfortunate that we cannot go on to tell you here of Junior's other accomplishments, but space is limited. We promise you there are many. Just look on the other pages of this book and you are bound to find them.

William Winston Coleman

"Dog Ears" — Roanoke, Virginia

Chemistry

Field Artillery

Private (4); Football (4, 3, 2, 1); Basketball (4, 3, 2, 1); Intramural Tennis Champion (4); Monogram Club (3, 2, 1); Varsity Tennis (3, 2); Corporal (3); Color Sergeant (2); V. A. S. (2, 1); Lieutenant (1).

There is no exaggeration in saying that for the writer to do justice to Dog Coleman in the space allotted here, or even in a much greater space, is almost impossible.

Dog has been a sixty-minute athlete, a fine student, and a popular and efficient officer as a cadet in V. M. I. We could give you more details on these particulars, but we must not fail to tell you some things about W. W. which make him a choice Brother Rat.

We all know people whom we like to have around us. To say exactly why would involve too much detail. At any rate, Dog is one of those persons. He has an even temper, is interested in books and in current events, seldom has a critical word to say about anyone, and is possessed with a balance unusual in one so young. His sense of values is obvious, because he knows what is important and lays stress upon it, not wasting time and energy on non-essentials. Those who have really come to know Dog will not forget him as a sincere and everlasting friend.



Leonard Selby Cooper

"Len" — Cumberland, Maryland

Pre-Medical

Field Artillery

Private (4, 3, 2, 1); Business Staff, *Cadet* (2); V. A. S. (2, 1), Second Class Show (1); Presbyterian Club (1).

Leonard Cooper hails from Manchester, England, by way of Cumberland, Maryland. During his cadetship, Len has spent most of his time in intensive extra-curricular reading, with occasional time out for necessary studying; nevertheless, in him may be found a rare combination of mental quickness and intellectual dexterity.

Cooper loves to argue. His "good point," "pish tosh," and "You know what I always say," are familiar to all of us. Who can forget his representation of that femme fatale, Madam Waleska, in the '39 Second Class Show, when in sitting down he made the normal male gesture of pulling up his trousers at the knees?

At Fort Hoyle his escapades were many and varied—especially memorable was the time he got lost in a mustard gas area. Len intends to become a doctor, and if the medical aptitude test means anything, he will go far, for he took the fourth highest stand that has ever been made at V. M. I. Leonard is an interesting person to know, a grand friend to have, and above all else, he is a true British gentleman.





William Henry Cox

"Wussie" — Suffolk, Virginia

Pre-Medical

Cavalry

Private (4); Football (4); Intramurals (4, 3, 2, 1); Corporal (3); Glee Club (3, 2, 1); Q. M. Sergeant (2); Assistant Manager, Football (2); Business Staff, *The Cadet* (2); Hunt Club (2, 1); V. A. S. (2, 1); Lieutenant (1); Subscription Manager, *The Cadet* (1); Manager, "Rat" Football (1); Pistol Team (1); Athletic Council (1).

Four years ago a veddy, veddy chubby lad entered the famous Washington Arch with an intense look on his cheerful face, a look of wide-eyed interest and consuming ambition.

"Wussie," as Bill is affectionately called, turned out to be all that our first impression of him portended. He is truly one of the most cheerful people we ever had the pleasure of knowing, and because of this cheerfulness he was always a person to whom we could turn in times of bitter need for a kind word or a cheerful thought. In addition to this affability, "Wus" was ever sincere in his ambitions and endeavors. He came to V. M. I. with the ambition and intention of becoming a doctor after leaving here; he has never wavered from that goal one iota.

Further to his credit is his military prowess; as first lieutenant of "C" Company he easily obtained the respect and admiration of all the men under him.



William Atkinson Cracraft

"Billy" — Charleston, West Virginia

Chemistry

Cavalry

Private (4, 3, 2, 1); V. A. S. (2, 1); O. G.'s Association (1).

Billy came to us from the hills of West Virginia, and since that city is something of a chemical center he decided to join up with Butch and his boys after his third class year. Here he has made a good record, as he has in the other activities he has entered into.

Horses had an appeal for Billy, and he has been a running member of "C" Company during the four years.

Billy is one of the quieter members of the ranks of '39, and one of the youngest. He has never been one to put himself in the limelight in any way, but those of us who know him best have a realization of his sterling qualities.

We are not sure just what Billy will do when he leaves V. M. I. He will probably go back to Charleston as a chemist and demonstrate the fact that the innumerable hours he spent at the board in Maury-Brooke Hall have not been in vain. We do know that he carries with him the true spirit of V. M. I.

Henry Joseph Cronin

"Hank" Lawrence, Massachusetts

Civil Engineering

Field Artillery

Private (4, 2, 1); Orchestra (4, 3, 2, 1); Yankee Club (4, 3, 2, 1); Corporal (3); Boxing (4, 3); A. S. C. E. (2, 1); Glee Club (2, 1); Secret Eight (1).

Hank, or "The Wild Irishman," as he is affectionately called by all his Brother Rats, is one of the most popular men in barracks—popular not only with his classmates, but also with his instructors. His infectious laugh and ready sense of humor make him liked by all. Quite versatile, he takes a genuine interest in all that goes on at V. M. I. For four years this Bostonian has been one of the shining lights of the Commanders, and the Glee Club would have been lost without his skillful accompaniment. In spite of membership in the O. G.'s Association, Cronin was dubbed Barbary Coast Colossal Cossack by the Emir. If there is any fun going on anywhere, Hank is sure to be found in the center of it, for he is one of those rare individuals who knows how to get the most out of life.

Hank is going to West Point. If honesty, courtesy, and appealing personality mean anything in the army, we know that Cronin is headed for the top. His record here in the hearts of his friends is spotless!



Chalmers Carolyn Crump

"C" Alexandria, Virginia

Civil Engineering

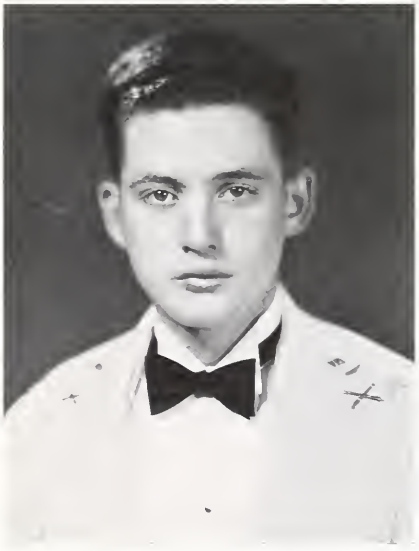
Field Artillery

Private (4); Ambassador Club (4, 3, 2, 1); Boxing (4), Corporal (3); Orchestra (3, 2); Sergeant (2); A. S. C. E. (2, 1); Lieutenant (1).

Before entering V. M. I., "C. C." had a working knowledge of things military, and he was not long in recognizing his advantage. Consequently, he has since risen steadily in rank. He's proved himself to be an efficient officer, yet has remained one of the boys, and has never taken his military too seriously.

"D" Company will miss him greatly, not only as an officer, but also for his faithful participation in many intramural sports. He made his bid for fame his Rat year as a member of the cadet orchestra. At the end of his third class year, however, he felt he could better devote his entire time to his studies.

In scholastic pursuits he has also been above average. He has worked hard and has steadily advanced. It was, however, not until his first class year that he became a full-fledged "Brow," although his stand had always been high. If tenacity of purpose and the ability to stay with a problem until it is solved is any measure of success, then Chalmers' success is assured.





Henry Clay Davis

"Nose" — Willis Wharf, Virginia

Chemistry

Cavalry

Private (4, 3, 2, 1); Baseball (4); V. A. S. (2, 1); O. G.'s Association (1).

One of Eastern Shore's contributions to the class of '39 is known by many names, but to his friends it's just plain "Nose."

Clay is not one of the so-called "Brows," but he is a chemist of no mean ability and has been consistently among the leaders. Never aspiring to anything military, he has been "one of the boys" throughout his career. In the affairs of the heart it is a different story; he stands high and yields an advantage to no one. He has not been one to limit his attentions to a particular girl or school. The "Nose" is familiar on the campuses of both Hollins and Randolph-Macon.

As a friend he cannot be surpassed. His winning smile, keen sense of humor, and ready wit has endeared him to all, Brother Rats and underclassmen alike.

We don't know what he is going to do when he graduates, but it is our bet that he will be on top before many years have passed.



Dudley Perkins Digges

"Dud" — Schenectady, New York

Liberal Arts

Field Artillery

Private (4, 1); Intramurals (4, 3, 2, 1); Yankee Club (4, 3, 2, 1); Corporal (3); Orchestra (3); Manager and Director, Orchestra (2, 1); Sergeant (2); Academic Stats (2, 1); Second Class Finance Committee (2); Editorial Staff, *Cadet* (2); President, Hop Committee (1); Assistant Editor, Bomb (1); O. D.'s Roster (1).

"Swing it on the off-beat"—"O. K., we'll get that orchestra"—"Incidentally, have you read"—"How about another can"—These are just a few of the fragments that fly from 138 in general and from Dudley in particular. Dud in his four years here has done so much that it is impossible to do him justice in this short space. A member of the Second Class Finance Committee and President of the Hop Committee, he has seen to it that the brothers have gotten the best that Sweet or Swing can produce. As leader and trombone featurist of the orchestra he has led the Commanders to unprecedented accomplishments. As a writer his work has been a great source of pride to *The Cadet* and to the Bomb. Finally, as a fellow student and a gentleman, he ranks among our most respected and beloved Brother Rats. Academically, Dud seems to wear his liberal arts stars without a bit of effort and still have plenty of time for his library and to exercise his wit on Podo. All the success in the world, Dud, and may you make as fine a lawyer as you have a Brother Rat!

Harrison Carleton Diggs, Jr.

"Hari-Kari" — Newport News, Virginia

Pre-Medical

Field Artillery

Private (4, 2, 1); Baseball (4); Basketball (4); V. A. S. (2, 1); Senior Intramural Manager (1); O. G.'s Association (1); Chancellor Exchequer, Barbary Coast (1).

Hari-Kari is undoubtedly one of the most original of the brothers. Any new witticism arising from the first stoop can always be traced to our own Newport News fashion plate, and any mysterious murmurings from "E" Company's third platoon usually emanate from H. Carlton putting the brothers on the latest in clothes, recordings, horses, or women. Just give H. a Ray Noble recording, a good poker game, or a copy of Esquire, and he is in his element. He has always concerned himself more with the fair sex than with chevrons, but his undying interest in intramurals has made him an invaluable asset to the "5th ranking company." A high-living Pre-Med, he has never taken classes too seriously, yet he makes the honor roll when he's in the mood, and every now and then gets the best of the Doc and the Butch.

We have observed in the past four years that, with all his other characteristics, Harry entertains a most fervent interest in surgery; may he do great work in relieving pain, preventing death, and prolonging life.

Frank Sampson Diguid, Jr.

"Sambo" — Lynchburg, Virginia

Liberal Arts

Cavalry

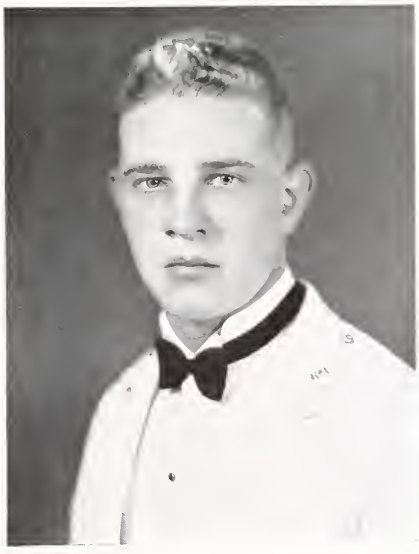
Intramurals (4, 3, 2, 1); Lynchburg Club (4, 3, 2, 1); A. W. O. L. Night Club (3, 2, 1); Editorial Staff, *The Cadet* (3), Assistant Manager, *Track* (2); Business Staff *The Cadet* (2); Intramural Council (2, 1); Hunt Club (2, 1); I. A. L. A. (2, 1); Intramural Company Manager (1).

When Frank, Sam-Sam, or Sambo, as he has been variously called during different periods of his cadetship, entered '39, the rest of the class soon realized that one of the greatest raconteurs in barracks could be inveigled into a bull session morning, noon or night; we have not the slightest doubt but that some of Sam's famous stories will be making the rounds of barracks long after their author has embarked on more adventures.

In intramurals, "A" Company has always stood near if not at the top, and much of its record during the past year has been due to Sam's tireless efforts as company manager. As a member of the Lynchburg Club he has epitomized the true hospitality of that all-important city, for Sam's home has always been a mecca for week-ending first classmen.

Soldier, sailor, gentleman, writer, lawyer, consul, or business man, whatever he turns to (and his versatility is apt to turn him to any) we know that he will make as many true friends and admirers as he has in barracks.







John Pitts Dorrier

"J. P." — Scottsville, Virginia

Civil Engineering

Field Artillery

Private (4, 3, 2, 1); Football (4); Wrestling (4); A. S. C. E. (2, 1); O. G.'s Association (1).

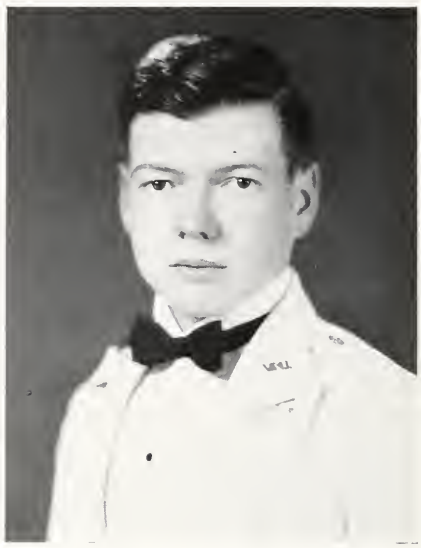
From the midst of Scottsville's three thousand came John Pitts Dorrier to begin the matriculation of a long list of Dorriers of his generation at V. M. I. He is now about to graduate, leaving unique footsteps for his brother to follow.

We have watched this good-natured Brother Rat master the Civil Engineering course, but not without a great deal of hard, steady work, for which he has shown an amazing faculty.

For three years we had reason to believe that "J. P." was a woman hater, but during the last of our four years he became an enthusiastic devotee of Randolph-Macon in general and one member of its student body in particular.

Though somewhat inclined to reticence ordinarily, John has wandered onto the scene of many a barracks bull session where he has found the temptation to join in irresistible.

In spite of his quiet and reserve, John Dorrier has not concealed from the members of his class those characteristics for which we have admired him.



John McKee Dunlap, Jr.

"Jack" — Lexington, Virginia

Civil Engineering

Cavalry

Private (4, 3, 2, 1); O. G.'s Association (1).

Wuxtra! Wuxtra! "Local Boy Makes Good"—Read all about it! Yes, John McKee Dunlap, Jr., is a Lexington boy who has made a hit with everyone who knows him. The best way to get an indication of a cadet's character is to ask his roommates how he stands in their opinion. Jack's roommates are full of praise for their side-kick. They say he is easy to get along with, friendly, conscientious, and a hard worker. Furthermore, he is full of fun. Jack has the distinction of being the only sentinel who has thrown fire-crackers while he was on post.

Jack has an insatiable appetite. His favorite sport is listening to a symphony on the radio while sucking an orange. In fact, almost all his extra-curricular activity is carried on in his stomach.

This boy can really argue! It doesn't matter which side you take on the issue, Dunlap will argue you blue in the face. Start in on politics and he has a field day.

As far as women are concerned, they say the seemingly invulnerable fall the hardest. Take it easy, Jack!

Harry Clifford Dunton, Jr.

"H. C." — Townsend, Virginia

Civil Engineering

Cavalry

Private (4, 3, 2, 1); A. S. C. E. (2, 1); O. G.'s Association (1).

From the eastern shore of old Virginia there wandered into the barracks the inimitable Harry, and he immediately took to military life like a summer school student takes to the Beach Club.

Dunton spent four years in the ranks of "A" Company as a certified private. However, he did show his military ability his first class year as one of the more efficient members of the O. G.'s roster. In fact, his presence in the courtyard kept more third classmen off the stoop than the appearance of our own "Pinkey."

The amazing talent of "H. C." to trifle and then stop just in time to keep from getting boned was an art. Because of this notable ability he was able to stay well below the dangerous demerit boundary.

As a member in good standing of the Civil Department, "H. C." spent his allotted time in the penthouse erasing lines from inaccurate drawings. However, knowing that perseverance does pay, he was finally awarded his dividend.



William Murrell Echols

"Red" — Portsmouth, Virginia

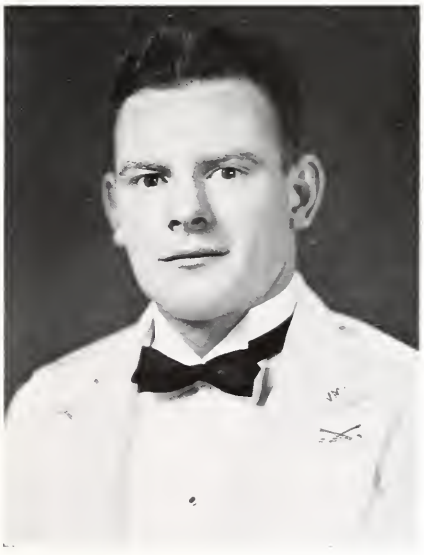
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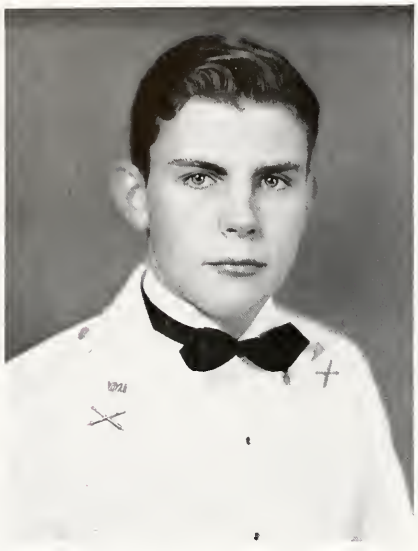
Cavalry

Private (4); Football (4, 3, 2, 1); Track (4, 3, 2, 1); Wrestling (4); Corporal (3); Monogram Club (3, 2, 1); Intramural Boxing Champion (unlimited) (3); Portsmouth Club (3, 2, 1); Intramural Wrestling Champion (unlimited) (2); Glee Club (2, 1); A. S. C. E. (2, 1); Hunt Club (2); Captain (1).

This red-headed boy from the wilds of Tidewater is known to every man in the corps, especially for his superior contributions to V. M. I. athletics. "Red" is a godsend to a football and track coach, for he can "hold that line," sling a javelin and shot, and broad-jump along with the best of them. Football at V. M. I. without him will seem dull, for his outstanding playing has spelled many a victory for the Big Red Team.

To determine his ability along the military line, one needs only to recall that his was the commanding voice of "A" Company. And women? Why, he has hundreds of them, but his opinion is still the same, "I don't want any girl falling in love with me." Academically, he is no "slouch," always managing to get along easily and still have time to associate with his many Brother Rats who deem him the "tops." To know Red is to like and admire him greatly for his humor, genial personality, and most of all for being "B'rr Echols"—this Craddock Hi Flash of Temple football fame.





Richard Augustus Edwards

"Gus" Richmohd, Virginia

Liberal Arts

Field Artillery

Baseball (4, 3, 2, 1); Private (4, 2, 1); Wrestling (4); Corporal (3); Second Class Finance Committee (2); Assistant Manager, Basketball (2); Business Staff, *Cadet* (2); I. A. L. A. (2, 1); Hop Committee (1); Manager, Basketball (1); Secretary, Intramural Council (1); Monogram Club.

During his four years at V. M. I., Gus Edwards has devoted himself to his school and to his class. Especially prominent in the field of athletics, he was the manager of the basketball team and won his numerals in baseball and wrestling as well as a letter in baseball. As a member of the Second Class Finance Committee and the Hop Committee, he held positions of importance and trust. A Beau Brummel at heart, Gus always keeps a supply of the latest in "cits" hidden about his room. He also has a bit of the Casanova in his blood—as the Sweetbriar Sect can well attest. This Virginian comes from Smithfield, the home of the hams, and is proud of it. Gus is a true Liberal Artist at heart, and has chosen law as his future profession. He maintains definite political views. After-taps sessions have shown that, once started, the only direction he will take is towards his own goal. Undoubtedly he will be successful, for he has already proven his capabilities for organization and management.



Henry Watkins Ellerson, Jr.

"Watt" Richmond, Virginia

Chemistry

Cavalry

Private (4), Football (4); Track (4); Second Class Show (4, 3, 2); Corporal (3); Secretary, Glee Club (3); Glee Club (3, 2, 1); Q. M. Sergeant (2); Director, Second Class Show (2); Editorial and Business Staffs, *The Cadet* (2); Second Class Finance Committee (2); Assistant Manager, Basketball (2); Lieutenant (1); Hop Committee (1); Business Manager, *The Cadet* (1); Manager, Glee Club (1); Manager, "Rat" Basketball (1).

We've always called him Watt. In Webster's Dictionary we find a WATT defined as "A unit of power," and we know that the truth of the statement is borne out in him. In the course of the past four years he has been in the direct current of the Institute life and a major part of it.

Throughout Watt's stay in barracks he has been known by each man as one who possesses exceptionally strong and healthy ideals, coupled with a willingness to lend his consideration and cooperation to all problems.

As the years have rolled along he has consistently revealed himself as a pattern of versatility. We saw him deftly managing and successfully producing "Captain Applejack," our Second Class Show, in the spring of '38. In addition, all of Watt's military manner and conduct will be remembered as the symbol of efficiency.

For four years we have seen his every undertaking characterized by efficiency, and we feel that his future will abound with success.

Arnold Wright Ellis

"A. W." — Richmond, Virginia

Civil Engineering

Field Artillery

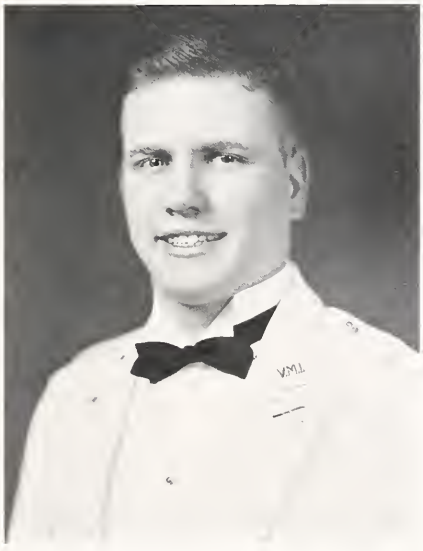
Private (4); Football (4); Boxing (4, 3); Corporal (3); Monogram Club (3, 2, 1); Sergeant (2); Second Class Finance Committee (2); A. S. C. E. (2, 1); Hop Committee (1); Lieutenant (1); Secret "15."

Early in the fall of '35, a fair-haired boy with a cautious smile left the warm fires of his Richmond home and wended his way to the institution for boys at Lexington. Thus upon the scene arrived the inimitable Arnold W. Ellis, better known to his Brother Rats as just "A. W."

No one knows, except Ellis and his Maker, why he forsook Shakespeare or a brace of test tubes, but "A. W." chose to serve his time under the rousing regime of "Oley," and the Department of Civil Engineering.

Cursed from the start of his career by the shadow of a set of lieutenant's chevrons, he did his utmost to retain his status as "just one of the boys." He was successful to the extreme. As premier "rabble rouser" of the "Dirty Dozen," he vindicated his station with a few lusty swings of a paint brush.

And so, "A. W.," carefree, courageous, and ready to go at the drop of a hat, yet at the same time possessed of a more serious side, is sure to temper rash action with judgment.



Fletcher Burns Emerson

"Podo" — H[illegible], Texas

Civil Engineering

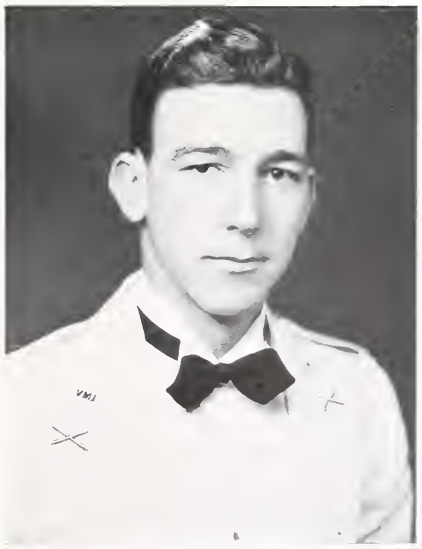
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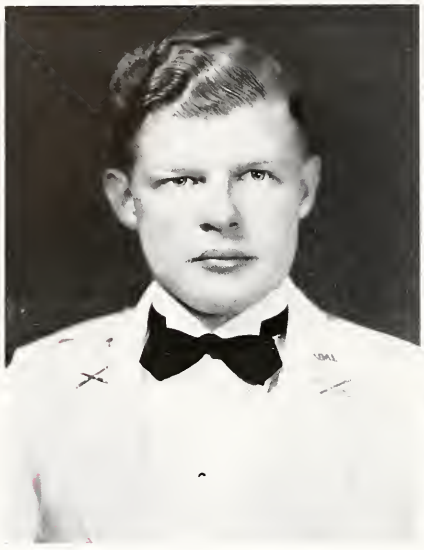
Private (4, 3, 2, 1), A. W. O. L. Night Club (3, 2, 1), Second Class Show (3); Individual Intramural Championship Trophy (3), Assistant Manager, Basketball (3); Texas Club (2, 1); Intramural Council (2, 1); A. S. C. E. (2, 1).

"Great balls of fire, you could have knocked me over with a certified feather." The mouths gape, and the legs go up on the table as Podo is off on another tale of a Lynchburg week-end. Week-ends came few and far between, however, and the "tallster" from Texas managed to cram a lot between them during his years at V. M. I. During his third class year Podo managed to pile up more points in all intramural athletics than any one else and took the individual intramural cup.

In intercollegiate athletics Podo found that the best idea was to allow the horse to do the work, and the sight of the galloping ghost from Houston astride a small polo pony with his long legs almost dangling on the ground has chilled the heart of many a ten-goaler.

In the years to come, wherever and whenever "Great balls of fire" rings out, the brothers will flock to the most amiable and swellest of them all.





CHARLES EDWARD FEDDEMAN, JR.

"Ned" "Windy" CHESTER, PENNSYLVANIA

Civil Engineering

Field Artillery

Private (4, 2, 1); Football (4, 3, 2, 1); Yankee Club (4, 3, 2, 1); Episcopal Choir (4, 3, 2, 1); Corporal (3); Property Manager Second Class Show (2); Vice-President, Episcopal Club (2); Glee Club (2, 1); A. S. C. E. (2, 1); Episcopal Club (2, 1).

"Certify I've been fouled!" or "I just wrote her a letter telling her off properly!" are perhaps his most quoted expressions, but there are many others.

The "Dutchman" landed at V. M. I. in a cloud of dust and vituperation, and his leaving will mark the beginning of a period of unnatural quiet. It is this quality that makes a unique place for him in the hearts of all with whom he comes in contact. There is scarcely another '39er who is more well known, either in barracks or at the nearby girls' schools. He leaves a niche in the V. M. I.'s halls that we suspect will go unfilled for a long time.

A hectic Rat year led inevitably to an equally hectic third class year, finding "Windy" the astonished possessor of a set of stripes. Apparently the "Breeze" is allergic to stripes, however, for by May his sleeves were clean again and none the worse for wear. His most exemplary trait is that of perseverance, as evidenced by his four years of hard work for the Big Red Team. It is this quality that will crack the world for you, Windy.



RUSSELL HARRISON FERREY

"Russ" PORT NELSON, ONTARIO, CANADA

Chemistry

Cavalry

Private (4, 3, 2, 1); Cross-Country (4, 3, 2, 1); Track (4, 3, 2, 1); Yankee Club (4, 3. 2, 1); Captain, Cross-Country (1); V. A. S. (2, 1); Monogram Club; Hunt Club; O. G.'s Association (1); Presbyterian Club (1).

"Come to attention all along!" "What for, that's just 'My Country 'Tis of Thee . . . '?" "The devil you say, it's 'God Save the King'!" And so we have "Russ," the fair-haired boy from north of the Great Lakes, proud of both his nationalities, and to this day never quite sure as to which it is.

But Russell came to V. M. I. to prove again that the name of Ferrey could not go unrecognized. "Russ" never entertained high military ambitions, he never wore stars, but next year "Son" Read will know that he has lost a good track man. Long of leg, and fast in stride, "Russ" has for four years shown his heels to many a good quarter-miler. His captaincy of the "harriers" speaks for itself.

Yet "Russ" had interests other than track and his test tubes in the "Butch's" lab. It would be hard to tell that such an unassuming lad was one of the original "married men" of '39, but ever since his Rat year he has been an honorary "alumanum" of the "Sem." Yes, a Bachelor of Science only, but a man, a friend . . . a real Brother Rat.

George Peek Fosque

"G. P." "George" "Peek" — Hampton, Virginia

Liberal Arts

Field Artillery

Private (4, 2, 1); Corporal (3); Editorial Staff, *The Cadet* (3, 2); Business Staff, *The Cadet* (2); Sports Staff (2, 1); Assistant Manager, Football (2); Intramural Council (1); O. G.'s Association (1); Club "12L."

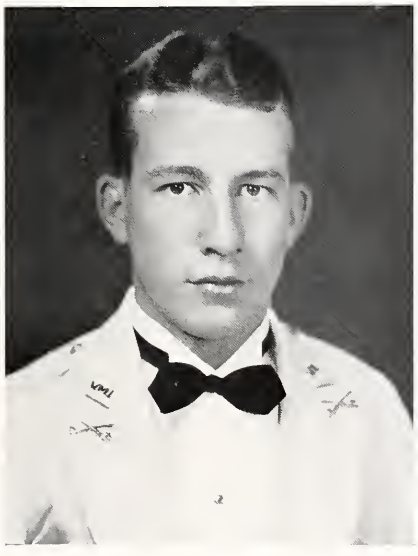
George started his career as a cadet with the Class of 1938. He has associated himself so closely with the centennial class, however, that it is hard for us to think of him as anything but a true Brother Rat.

George took the artillery as his unit when he came to the Institute, and he has been a boon to "D" Company ever since, especially by his continued participation in intramurals.

As a Liberal Artist, George has not overworked. He has applied himself, however, and has profited from all sides of V. M. I. life.

He is a Casanova of no mean ability, and to any man who has been in the corps from 1937 to 1939 his escapades to Hollins and Sweetbriar are well known.

It is unfortunate when a siege in the hospital causes a man to lose a year, but his loss has certainly been our gain.



Cyril Vaughan Fraser, Jr.

"Cyree" "Cy" "C. Vaughan" — Richmond, Virginia

Chemistry

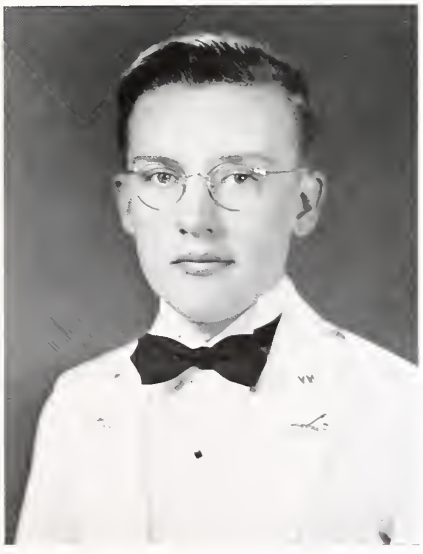
Cavalry

Private (4, 3, 2, 1); Boxing (4); Richmond Club (4, 3, 2, 1); Tennis (3, 2, 1); V. A. S. (2, 1); *The Cadet* Staff (2, 1); Supreme and Revered Potentate and EMIR, Barbary Coast (1).

Salaam to the Suave Sultan, all ye varlets! Here comes the Barbary Coast's one and only Emir! From down Richmond way on that fateful day came the man destined to hold the lives of some forty first classmen in the palm of his hand. With monastic severity he trained for the position of Emir from his Rat year, scorning such evils of the flesh as chevrons and academic distinction, and giving himself wholeheartedly to the enjoyment of life. In an unguarded moment he enlisted among Butch's Bully Boys, but true to his word, he deftly fought off the onslaughts of "Rocks" and the Mad Physician, and emerged at Finals bloody—but unbeaten.

Laying out a strict health program his Rat year, which consisted of long walks in the country on free afternoons, he followed the routine to the letter. A Hollins lassie, however, drew all of his attentions his third class year.

It is with a profound bow, and best wishes in our hearts, that we turn over the Emir of the Barbary Coast to the tender mercies of a waiting world.





Charles William Frazier, Jr.

"Bill" — Richmond, Virginia

Civil Engineering

Field Artillery

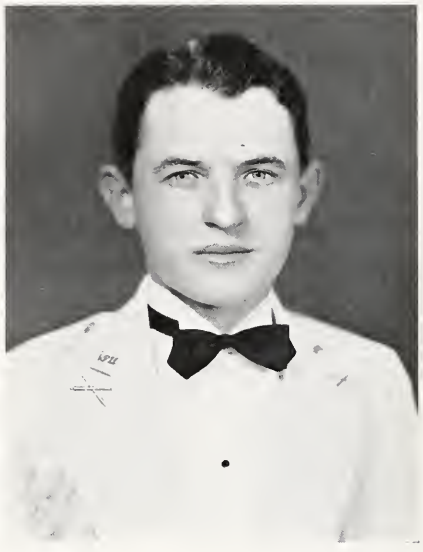
Private (4, 3, 2, 1); Richmond Club (4, 3, 2, 1); Wrestling (4); A. S. C. E. (2, 1); Color Guard (1); Academic Stars (1); O. G.'s Association (1); Club "123" (1); Pistol Sharpshooter (1).

Presenting one of the most popular men in barracks—Bill Frazier. Bill came to V. M. I. with no high military aspirations and consequently has been perfectly happy to remain in the ranks during his stay and to become very much "one of the boys." He found his calling in the Civil Department and has stayed on top with practically no effort at all.

As a lover Bill has had no peer—the same girl to every dance during his four years. Bill's charm and personality have never been absent, and have always been peculiarly evident at Sweetbriar.

Familiar was the scene of Bill's cape and box of sandwiches canvassing the barracks, and his financial achievements rank him among the famous barracks salesmen, past and present.

Bill's inherent ability to win friends and the efficient manner in which he performs his duties are qualities which will carry him far, and we know that the employer who gets Bill will be fortunate in having a fine capable man, one of the best of the brothers.



Howard Overton Golladay

"Emma" — Scottsville, Virginia

Electrical Engineering

Field Artillery

Private (4, 3, 2); Assistant Manager, Wrestling (2); A. I. E. E. (2, 1); Intramural Manager Company "D" (1); Lieutenant (1).

"The best things come in small packages." That old adage must have been written for "Emma." The few Brother Rats who have been privileged with his intimacy have known "Emma" as a true and loyal friend and a hard and earnest worker. His conscientious efforts have aided "D" Company immeasurably in their race for the Garnett Andrews Cup. His leadership in intramurals was recognized by his selection as a member of the Intramural Council.

The story has been told that when "Emma" left Scottsville to enroll at the Institute, the population was decreased by twenty-five per cent, but that metropolis' loss was our gain. In knowing "Emma" we have seen the true meaning of the word "modesty." Ever anxious to help, he has not been one to look for praise or recognition of his efforts. The O. G.'s are proud to claim him as a member of their organization. Likewise the entire class of nineteen hundred and thirty-nine is proud to have the right to call him "Brother Rat."

Stanley Hope Graves

"S. H." Orange, Virginia

Civil Engineering

Field Artillery

Private (4, 3, 2, 1); Northern Virginia Club (4, 3, 2, 1); A. S. C. E. (2, 1); Assistant Manager, Football (2); O. G.'s Association (1).

"S. H." came to us from Orange, Virginia, in 1935, with the idea already in mind of being a civil engineer. This idea he has carried out to its happy conclusion through consistently hard work, and an attitude which could bring only the best results. "S. H." has had a disgust for the Liberal Artist hay hound since his first week as a cadet, and he has made sure that his career remained far afield from such time-consuming activity.

We have seen Stanley in action as an O. G., and as an active member of the A. S. C. E. and the Northern Virginia Club. We have also seen him lend his willing and able hand to the "Fighting Squadron" as assistant manager of football.

In spite of Stanley's conscientiousness and his full schedule of activities, he always found time to give a friendly hand to all those with whim he came in contact. This quality and others will fix him forever in the memories of his friends.

Thomas Woodrow Gray

"Woody" [redacted]

Liberal Arts

Field Artillery

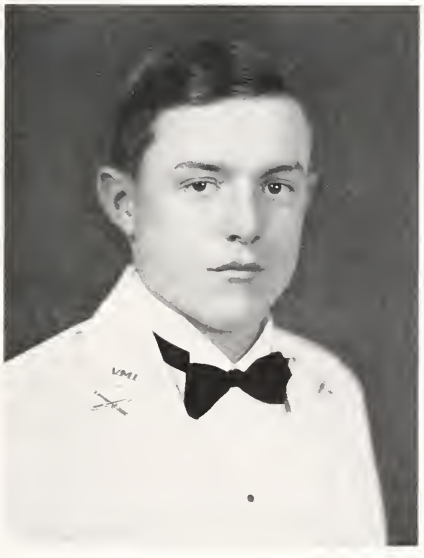
Private (4); Football (4, 3, 2, 1); Baseball (4, 3, 2, 1); Member Norfolk-Portsmouth Club (4, 3, 2, 1); Wrestling (4), Corporal (3); General Committee (3, 2, 1); Q. M. Sergeant (2); Second Class Show (2); Vice-President, First Class; Honor Court (3, 2, 1); Hop Committee (1); Lieutenant (1); Captain, Baseball (1); Secretary, Monogram Club (1).

It is impossible to give due credit to "Woody" in this short space allotted here. We can only give a few of his outstanding achievements which have brought laud and honor to the class and the Institute.

Almost from the moment of his matriculation, "Woody" became a leader among us, his Brother Rats. Our faith in him has been more than vindicated by his undying enthusiasm and brilliant leadership as vice-president of our class.

On the athletic field, "Woody" has always been one of our brightest stars. A member of our celebrated Rat football team, he has since become one of the finest guards in Institute history. And by way of incidentals, he made a superlative outfielder as captain of the baseball team, to say nothing of his fine wrestling ability in the unlimited class.

Militarily, "Woody" was a "Gold Coaster" of ancient vintage—corporal, supply sergeant, first lieutenant. The time of parting has come, "Woody"; may your present honors be only forerunners of the even greater ones which await you.







LLOYD MARCUS GRIFFIN, JR.

"Buddy" "Coach" RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

Civil Engineering

Cavalry

Private (4); Richmond Club (4, 3, 2, 1); Football (4, 3); Basketball (4, 3); Corporal (3); Regimental Sergeant Major (2); Business Staff, *The Cadet* (2); Vice-President, N. Y. A. Board (2); Floor Committee, A. S. C. E. (2); Academic Stars (2, 1); Regimental Captain Adjutant (1); President, N. Y. A. Board (1); Chairman Floor Committee, A. S. C. E. (1); Club "123" (1); Rifle Sharpshooter (1); Pistol Sharpshooter (1).

The American flag has nothing on Buddy with its stars and stripes, for his prowess along the academic and military lines is emblazoned on his sleeves. It was with leaden hearts that we heard our adjutant read out our penalties and his own with equal gusto. The office of regimental adjutant is no easy one to fill, but in Bud's capable hands the duties were performed with ease and efficiency.

As a ladies' man he's always been well in demand, but, as yet, no member of the fair sex has captured his heart. His excursions to the neighboring havens of femininity have been many, the Briar Patch being his most frequent haunt.

It has been a real pleasure to have Buddy as a Brother Rat, for it is far too seldom that we find combined in one man the genuine qualities which he possesses, qualities which have made him one of the most highly respected men in barracks. As Buddy leaves V. M. I. he leaves a position which will be difficult to fill, both in the Institute and in the hearts of all who have known him.



WILLIAM MAURICE HAISLIP

"Bill" "Azeley" SALEM, VIRGINIA

Civil Engineering

Field Artillery

Private (4); Track (4, 3, 2, 1); Corporal (3); Regimental Supply Sergeant (2); A. S. C. E. (2, 1); Monogram Club (2, 1); Regimental Supply Officer (1).

We learn things at college, such as readin', writin' and 'rithmetic; but most important we form friendships that last forever. We meet fellows that we learn to admire and respect, fellows that serve as models for all the people that we come in contact with in later life. Such a fellow is Bill Haislip. Bill is admired and respected by everyone privileged to call him his friend. He has been successful in every field of endeavor that he has attempted, and his leadership is best evidenced by his military rank. A monogram in track and a high academic stand rounds out an almost perfect record. His achievements have not affected "Azeley" in the least. He has remained the same unsophisticated country boy that honored us by his presence back in September of 1935. Since that time he has put Salem, "the town of which Roanoke is a suburb," on the map. If your record at the Institute is any indication, we'll be reading about you in the near future, "Azeley." Best of everything, fellow! and don't forget the "Brothers of '39."

Joseph Kelly Haley, Jr.

"Jake" — Blairs, Virginia

Civil Engineering

Field Artillery

Private (4, 3, 2, 1); A. S. C. E. (2, 1); Horse Show Team (1).

You can't be the strong man of barracks by staying in the hay—at least so say the scribes. But Jake, even with all his "hay," has made a place for himself in the hearts of '39. A sense of humor which can't be surpassed, a natural ability for getting work done, and a genuine smile will make him long remembered.

Stripes have never adorned his sleeves, but this doesn't seem to keep him from being a certified powerhouse with the women—at least one of them, anyway.

Jake's ability in the barracks' bull sessions is only outdone by his dust disturbing activity on the Old Mill Road every Wednesday and Saturday afternoons. His self-approved furloughs have long qualified him as a charter member of the Two Percent Club.

Haley is an interesting person to know and a true friend to have, for behind his friendly smile there lies the deep sincerity that one recognizes immediately as true Brother Rat spirit!



William Henry Hastings

"Bill" — Corsicana, Texas

Chemistry

Field Artillery

Private (4); Fencing (4, 3, 2); Academic Stars (3, 2, 1); Corporal (3); Battalion Sergeant Major (2); Chairman, Second Class Finance Committee (2); Business Manager, Second Class Show (2); Junior Warden, Episcopal Vestry (2); Captain, Regimental S-3 (1); Business Manager, Hop Committee (1); Senior Warden, Episcopal Vestry (1).

On September 9, 1935, Texas sent one of her sons to achieve honors and success at V. M. I. And success has been the keynote of his every venture here. He was a bit slow in seeking military honors, but during his second class year spurted ahead to end up one of the ranking captains of the corps.

As a business man Bill has had no peer; his management of the Second Class Finance Committee established a financial record unequaled in the past. His reputation as a superior swordsman led him to the position of captain of the fencing team.

Although taking time out to become a leader among the chemists, Bill had ample time to become a frequent visitor at the neighboring feminine institutions. With the fairer sex Bill definitely believes in the old adage—safety in numbers.

May Bill continue his excellent record in his graduate work; our hope is that he might contribute as much there as he has at V. M. I. during his cadetship.





John Stanley Higgins, Jr.

"Johnny" East Falls Church, Virginia

Electrical

Cavalry

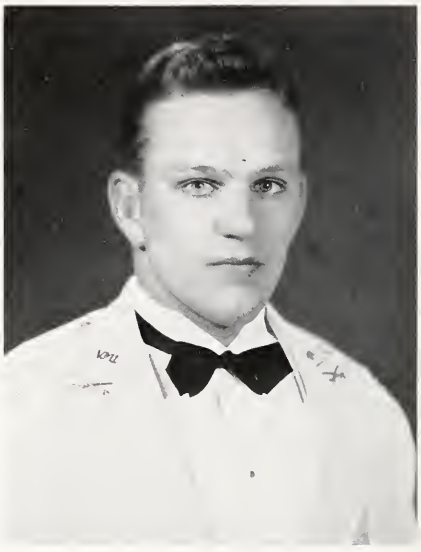
Private (4, 3, 2, 1); Ambassador's Club (4, 3, 2, 1); Academic Stars (3, 2, 1); Riding Club (2, 1); A. I. E. E. (2, 1); Expert, Pistol Dismounted; Marksman, Pistol Mounted; Marksman, Rifle.

It didn't take long for V. M. I. to find out that it had a bright man in Johnnie Higgins, for the boy from Alexandria soon made his presence known in any class. Renowned for his ability to stump professors, Johnnie has found his four years at V. M. I. easy sailing.

But academic subjects have never interfered with his social inclinations, and few dances in '94 Hall lacked his presence. Casting an appraising eye on all who danced by he was never one to pick indiscriminately.

In the inevitable bull sessions John was not one to rant and roar, but when the curt remark, often humorous, dropped unexpectedly from somewhere in the crowd, it was usually Johnnie who had fathered it.

As he seldom failed to achieve what he went after at V. M. I., we know that he will use his abilities just as effectively in his career beyond this point.



Ogden Halsey Hill

"Pawnee" "Horse" Roanoke, Virginia

Civil Engineering

Cavalry

Private (4, 3, 2, 1); Wrestling (4, 3, 2, 1); Football (4, 3, 2); Intramural Wrestling Champion, 155-lb. Class (4, 3); Roanoke Club (4, 3, 2, 1); Monogram Club (3, 2, 1); A. S. C. E. (2, 1); Southern Conference Wrestling Champion, 155-lb. Class (1); O. G.'s Association (1).

In the fall of 1935 a true Southern gentleman from nearby Roanoke enrolled at V. M. I. under the name, O. Halsey Hill. It was not long before his Brother Rats and the old cadets as well realized that there was a definite personality present in barracks. He became better known as "Horse" because of his physical strength, which he applied to advantage on the wrestling mat and as "Pawnee" because of the slow manner in which he talks. He always liked a good bull session and was at his best when talking about some "good old Woodberry boy." He has never been much for this "dadburned military," but has been content to be one of the boys in the last squad of "C" Company. Slow in speech and manner, he did not find easy riding as a Civil Engineer, and has worked hard for everything he has got. V. M. I. is proud to have Halsey, a hard worker, a true friend, a gracious host, and a real man, as one of her sons.

Frederick Allen Hippey

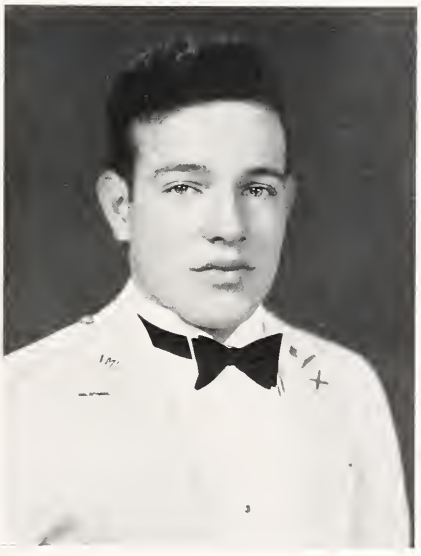
"Tad" "Hip" — Roanoke, Virginia

Civil Engineering

Field Artillery

Private (4, 3, 2, 1); Roanoke Club (4, 3, 2, 1); A. S. C. E. (2, 1); Charter Member of Barbary Coast (1).

Freddy is a product of Roanoke and a Civil man by trade. During his four years here the "Hippo" has become one of the brothers of the East Side. Although never a strictly military man but a charter member of privates' row, Fred is always ready and willing to do a favor or to lend a helping hand when "E" Company is in need. There isn't a more conscientious, agreeable chap in barracks, a fact that has won Freddy more true friends than he perhaps realizes. In academics, he has found no reason to become a drudge. Instead he has achieved a very creditable record and still found plenty of time for the unusual "extra-curricular" activities of the Barbary Coast. Always good-natured, always a smile and a good word for the brothers, we shall never forget his typical "Can I bum a weed?" or "Got any reading matter?" We understand that Fred has gotten a job with Sears-Roebuck; whether they know it or not, they're getting a fine cadet.



Walter Richard Hoblitzell

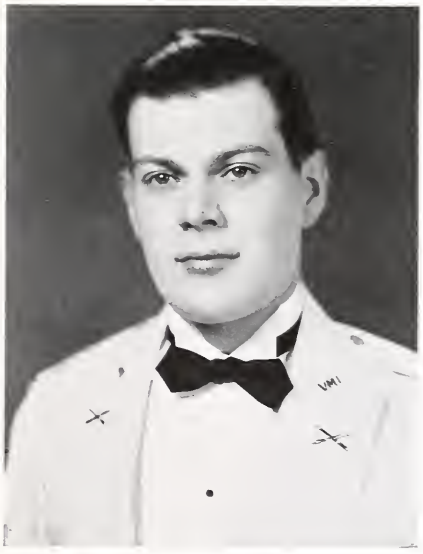
"Dutchman" "Hoblo" — Rahway, New Jersey

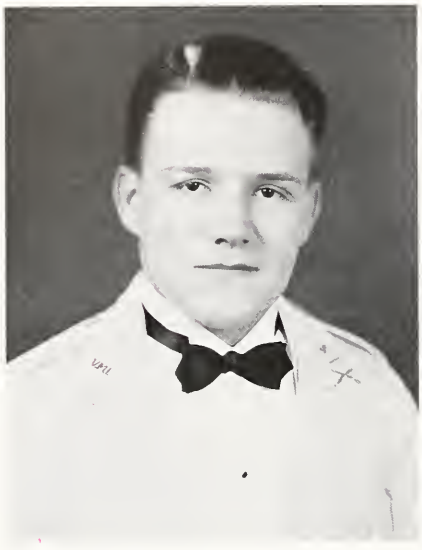
Liberal Arts

Field Artillery

Private (4, 3, 2, 1); Yankee Club (4, 3, 2, 1); Swimming (3, 2, 1), Monogram Club (3, 2, 1); Sergeant-at-Arms, Barbary Coast (1); Secret "15" (1)

"You're just a slave to the system, that's all"—this typical remark comes from Hoblo, the Dutchman, our favorite individualist. When the Baron came down here from New Jersey four years ago he didn't know much about military, and although his knowledge is vastly improved, he still feels that the whole idea is an imposition on his good nature. Hoblo is one of our most ardent "clean-sleevers," yet he seems invariably to keep off the P. T. list. Give him his hay, Larry Clinton, or preferably both, and he's contented, provided that he can dig up some V. M. I. inquisition upon which to philosophize—otherwise, he proceeds to make his own fun, which is usually quite unpredictable. Needless to say, he is a Liberal Artist in every sense of the word and has even attached a few new connotations to the term. Among his other achievements he has become a mainstay of the swimming team in the distance events. Even three syllable words and "F" Company policies don't bother Dick. He just ignores them in his inimitable, carefree way. Prosit!







Billy Sheridan Holland

"Bus" — Lexington, Virginia

Chemistry

Infantry

Private (4, 3, 2, 1); Football (4, 3, 2, 1); Wrestling (4); Monogram Club (2, 1); V. A. S. (2, 1).

Billy first endeared himself to the hearts of the brothers on the first day of the Rat football season in 1935 when his 200-odd pounds first went to work for V. M. I.

When "Boxie" came in with the brothers that fateful day, V. M. I. was old stuff to him because he had made his home in Lexington for some years and was therefore a V. M. I. "natural."

Military glory was never of much interest to Bill, and for four years he has trod the weary path of the private with complete satisfaction and no end of enjoyment.

As for studies, Billy is a chemist of no mean ability. He cast his lot with the Butch after two years and is now well read in this field.

We will long remember this man's skill with a barracks bull session, where he always holds his own in great style. His imitations in particular are priceless and enjoyed by all who hear them.

Louis Eugene Hudgins, Jr.

"Gene" "Taxi" — Norfolk, Virginia

Chemistry

Field Artillery

Private (4, 2, 1); Basketball (4, 3); Baseball (4); *The Cadet* Staff (3, 2); Corporal (3); Secretary, V. A. S. (2); Secretary, Norfolk Club (2); Second Class Show (2); Second Class Finance Committee (2); Sports Editor, *The Cadet* (1); President, O. G.'s Association (1); President, Norfolk Club (1); Hop Committee (1); General Committee (1); Honor Court (1).

One meeting with this good-looking brunette is enough to assure one that he is a top-notcher in the ranks of thirty-niners.

Gene hails from Norfolk, where we understand he rates about as much as he does at V. M. I. He is one of the famous "F" Company First Class Privates, a chemist who has made good, and an athlete who prefers intramurals to wearing a monogram.

Needless to say, Gene is a lady killer, not just an ordinary lady killer but an extraordinary one. He wasn't satisfied with the general run of V. M. I. girls, but he had to go to Hollywood and ask Priscilla Lane to be his guest at the premier of "Brother Rat" and at opening hops. She accepted. We don't know, but he must have sent her his picture. But this isn't all. He heads the O. G.'s Association, sits on the General Committee and Honor Court, and edits the sports page of *The Cadet*.

We really cannot do justice to Gene in the space allotted, but other pages of this book will bear his name as proof of his ability.

Bomb

James Spindle Hughes

"Jimmy" Warrenton, Virginia

Civil Engineering

Field Artillery

Private (4); Boxing (4); Corporal (3); Polo (3, 2); Sergeant (2); A. S. C. E. (2, 1); Jumping Team (1); Glee Club (1); Lieutenant (1).

From the "horse-country" of Northern Virginia came this long-legged, shy, quick smiling Warrentonian. It was only as it should be that he chose the artillery. Blessed by nature with the desire to be felt as well as seen, Jim joined Bob LaLance's Rat Boxing Squad, thereby earning his numerals. Since that time, however, he has devoted his excess energies to intramurals—to his company's credit. A leaning toward chevrons has led him at last to the realm of the "Shavetails." A. C. E. slipstick artist of the first magnitude, he has made a name for himself as hard-working and conscientious.

The above tells of his more prosaic qualities without describing his personal and human sides. To his Brother Rats, Jim has always been cheerful, ready for trifling, easygoing, fair-minded and generous. "J. S.," it's been a distinct and decided pleasure to have knocked about with you for four years. You've been a credit to your school, your class, and yourself; a friend, a pal, a confidant.

Richard Logan Irby

"Mike" "Duck" Blackstone, Virginia

Civil Engineering

Cavalry

Private (4); Football (4, 3, 2, 1); Wrestling (4); Baseball (4, 3, 2, 1); Corporal (3); Sergeant (2); A. S. C. E. (2, 1); Lieutenant (1).

Dick is one of those essentially quiet lads, modest and unassuming, and as a result much of his true ability and delightful personality is known only to his Brother Rats. Certainly there is nothing of the "publicity type" about him, but we, his friends, know just how much he has put out for V. M. I. throughout his four years here. In fact, the boys in brown overlooked Dick until his second class year. Now, however, he sports a lieutenant's chevrons, and remains the same "right gent" that he was as a private. As an athlete, Dick has certainly been more than a moderate success. He was a tower of strength on the Rat football team, and for the past three years has been one of the mainstays of the Varsity at center. In addition, he has been outstanding in wrestling in the 175-pound class, and for three years has been a member of the Varsity baseball squad. In spite of all his athletic activities, he manages to place in the upper third of his class academically. Rumor has it that in between times he is a "hog" for the gals over 'round the Briar Patch!







WILLIAM ALLEN IRVING

"Bill" "Will" CHESTER, PENNSYLVANIA

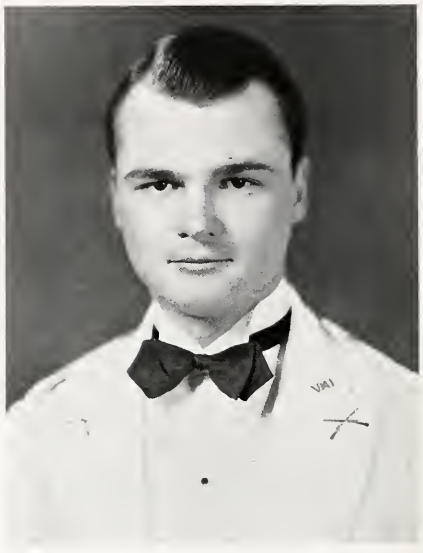
Chemistry

Infantry

Private (4); Corporal (3); Swimming (3, 2, 1); First Sergeant (2); Second Class Finance Committee (2); Regimental Commander (1); President, First Class; President, Honor Court (1); President, General Committee (1); Hop Committee (1).

In every class that enters the Institute there are a few men who are destined to be leaders. Usually these individuals are leaders in one particular field of activity, rarely in all of them. But in Bill Irving we have a leader in almost all the barracks activities at V. M. I. For a man to be president of his class and first captain was practically unheard of until 1939. Aside from this Bill has successfully captained a swimming team with an enviable record.

It is not fair to use all the space allotted telling what Bill is in the corps. We all know that. But it is important for those who are not acquainted with him to know what kind of a leader he is and just why he is that. It is entirely true to say that Bill has achieved his position without any pretense whatsoever. He has played no favorites, laid his cards on the table, yet made no enemies. Bill is a *natural*, physically and spiritually, and one need not feel inferior for not being able to express what he has done for '39, and for the corps.



HERBERT AYLWIN JACOB, JR.

"Bucky" "Dr. Yak" LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA

Chemistry

Infantry

Private (4, 1); Corporal (3); Sergeant (2); V. A. S. (2, 1); Northern Virginia Club (1); O. C.'s Association (1); Coast Surgeon of Barbary Coast (1).

The first time we saw "Bucky" Jacob, that now familiar shuffle was carrying him along the fourth stoop to visit the brothers. "Jake" has always been one of the more sociable classmates, and has never missed a trick as far as "extra-curricular" activities have been concerned.

In spite of his large number of social activities, "Bucky" has found time for more work than is necessary, evidence his grades, to make a "dip" in the much-feared Department of Chemistry. It is said that "Butch" often despaired, but at the final accounting our Brother Rat Jacob was always there.

After progressing as far as sergeant in the military line, "Bucky" finally realized the error of his ways and has since devoted his time to the pursuit of happiness in the ranks. According to all indications he has had no reason for regret.

It's hard to part company with a man like "Bucky," but we know that he has even greater things to look forward to in the years to come.

Fontaine Graham Jarman, Jr.

"Flash" — Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina

Pre-Medical

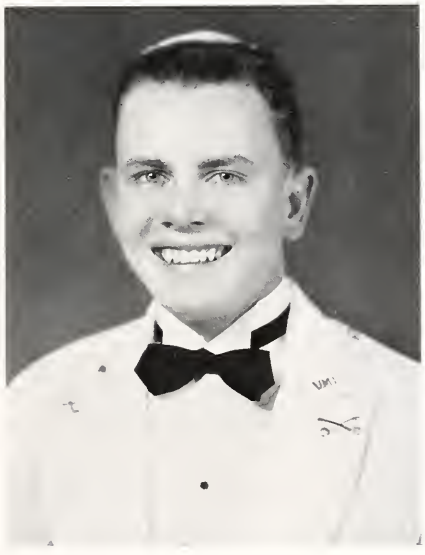
Cavalry

Private (4); Pistol (4, 3, 2, 1); Baseball (4); Corporal (3); Academic Stars (3, 2, 1); Sergeant (2); Second Class Finance Committee (2); Assistant Manager, Football (2); Hop Committee (1); Editorial Staff, Bomb (1); Intramural Manager (1); Lieutenant (1).

Here's a real Brother Rat who came up from the Tar Heel state to join the class of '39. His presence here has added much to barracks life, and his four years at V. M. I. can rightfully be termed exceptional.

Flash's accomplishments are many. In the Cadet Corps, he has risen through the grades of corporal and sergeant and now holds a well-deserved lieutenancy in "C" Company. Academic stars, intramural manager and membership on both the Hop Committee and the Second Class Finance Committee are a few more of his many distinctions. In the social field he is right at home; popularity and success have invariably been his in this respect.

Graham will continue his studies in Medicine next fall, but it's a safe bet he'll be back at his Alma Mater whenever he can. The future holds much promise for this boy since the admirable qualities of dependability, thoughtfulness, and sincerity have made his splendid record here at V. M. I.



William Imler Jefferies

"Winnie" — Alexandria, Virginia

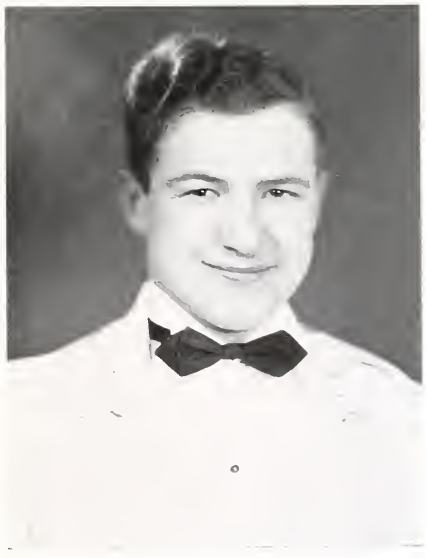
Civil Engineering

Infantry

Private (4, 2, 1); Football (4, 3, 2); Second Class Show (4, 3, 2); Ambassador Club (4, 3, 2, 1); Episcopal Choir (4, 3, 2); Intramurals (4, 3, 2, 1); Corporal (3); Glee Club (3, 2, 1); *The Cadet* Staff (3); A. S. C. E. (2, 1); Guard of Barbary Coast (1).

Of some few people it can be said, "He is always cheerful," and Winnie is one of those select few. Through the nightmare days of our Rat and third class year, and through the more settled but more exhausting periods of our second and first class years, Winnie never failed to present a cheerful smile. Even with a broken leg in each of the last two years he has come through smiling. Encouraging, sympathetic, kindly disposed toward all, he has won a vanguard of friends that will last a lifetime.

Winnie's Rat year, like that of most of the brothers, was "hard but fair." Finals found him possessed of chevrons. Not one to be unduly influenced by a false sense of pride, he was still one of the boys. A temporary setback occurred at Finals when his chevron stock suffered a relapse, but his ever present sense of true values saved the day. Since that time, Winnie, or Bill as he is otherwise known, has put in his time at intramurals and Civil Engineering.





John Janney Johnson

"Snow Plow" — Fredericksburg, Virginia

Chemistry

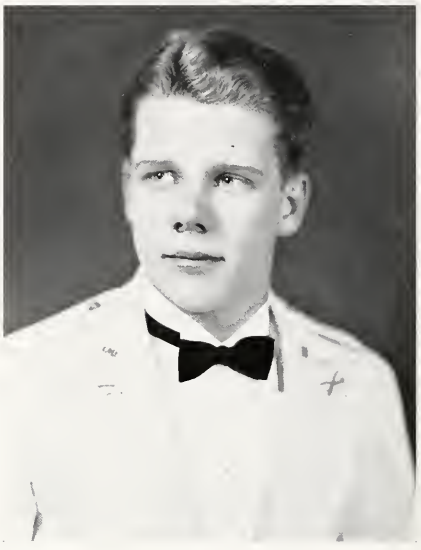
Field Artillery

Private (4, 3, 2, 1); Football (4); Northern Virginia Club (4, 3, 2, 1); Orchestra (3, 2, 1); V. A. S. (2, 1).

"Still water runs deep." This old proverb fits Snow Plow to the nth degree. A quieter and more orderly lad one could never hope to find, but when the occasion arises J. J. is right there with the goods. There must be a happy little vein of impishness way down inside him, for every now and then it makes itself apparent in some novel way. When this happens, out of a clear sky falls a different Snow.

Snow has made a name for himself as a member of the Commanders, and no one tooted a more noble saxophone. We all think that he likes the girls just a little bit, but J. J. has always been rather wary about committing himself on that subject.

Conscientiousness and sincerity are words that are too often loosely applied, but they are the only ones that could describe Snow Plow. You can't down a man that never gives up, and Jack Johnson is one that never has and never will. Try as you may, O Fate, you'll never get "J. J." down.



John Pegram Johnson, Jr.

"Hoggy" — Richmond, Virginia

Chemistry

Field Artillery

Private (4, 1); Track (4, 2); Corporal (3); Sergeant (2); V. A. S. (2 1); O. D.'s Roster (1).

With his natural wit and jovial manner, Pegram has made a host of friends at V. M. I. Every achievement he has attained has been the result of true effort. Chemistry was not easy for him, but he saw it through with cheerful perseverance, exhibiting an amazing faculty for working when there was work to be done and playing only when the slate was clear.

Though content to let others occupy the limelight, when the time came he acted with the forceful diligence and the inexhaustible energy which are so characteristic of his personality.

Indicative of the success we may expect of Pegram in years to come are the firmness of his convictions and his frank and outspoken denunciation of the persons and things which do not meet with his approval; these combine with his ability to make friends and with his earnest conscientiousness to form the type of personality one finds in high executive positions.

Walter Kevan Johnson

"Scotchie" Petersburg, Virginia

Chemistry

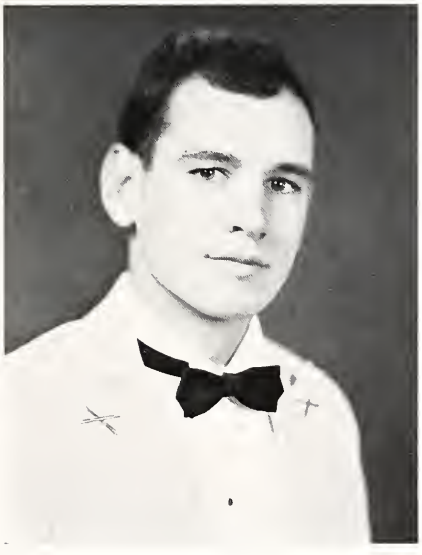
Field Artillery

Private (4, 1); Intramurals (4, 3, 2, 1); Corporal (3); Sergeant (2); Second Class Finance Committee (2); V. A. S. (2, 1); Hop Committee (1); Hunt Club (1); Petersburg Club (1); O. D.'s Association (1).

Smiling, good-natured, likable Scotchie! He is one of those people whose charm is felt upon first acquaintance, whose agreeable personality causes a group of friends to gather around him wherever he goes. Yet those closest to him know that behind his smile, Scotchie has a serious vein and a grim determination to master any task that comes his way.

With the ladies, Scotchie has always and will always rate at the top, much to the consternation of his less fortunate brothers. The girls just can't resist that gentle charm which they soon discover to be an irresistible magnetism.

Scotchie has had his share of tough luck at V. M. I. Sometimes it has seemed as though Dame Fortune had picked him out as the special victim for her pranks, yet with that good-natured patience and whimsical humor he just smiles and works the harder to earn the inevitable victory. Such a man is bound to come out at the top of the ladder.



Lawrence Fike Jones

"Larry" [illegible]

Liberal Arts

Field Artillery

Private (4, 3, 2, 1); Episcopal Choir (4); Rifle Marksman (4); Monogram Club (3, 2, 1); Rifle Team (3, 2); Swimming (3, 2, 1); Assistant Manager, Tennis (2); Glee Club (2, 1); Episcopal Club (2, 1); L. A. L. A. (2, 1), Second Class Show (2), President, Episcopal Club (1); Assistant Editor, Bomb (1); Manager "D" Company Rifle Team (1); Little Symphony (1); Barbary Coast Juggernaut of Jive (1).

Shakespeare took him for a boon companion, the Glee Club wouldn't let him go, and the swimming team credited many points to Larry's ability in the backstroke.

His collection of records made 110 the haven of those whose solace from classroom and drill lay in music. Morning, noon, or night found the strains of "The Dipsy Doodle" leaking through the cracks in the door, much to the gratification of delinquency-hunting subs.

Camp found Larry consummating his social inclinations, and many are the tales of the rides in "Catastrophe," including the two classic ones in which "Catastrophe" found itself unable to get from Four Corners to Hoyle, and the other one in which Len and Larry, the sole occupants, each certified to the other that he wasn't driving.

To one of the stars of the L. A.'s, his Brother Rats bid a regretful farewell, and say, "Good luck, Larry."





Misha Nicholas Kadick

"Mish" — The Plains, Virginia

Liberal Arts

Field Artillery

Private (4); Corporal (3); Polo (3); Sergeant (2); Second Class Show (2); Academic Stars (2); Horse Show Team (1); Battalion Adjutant (1).

Quiet, reserved, and reticent, but none the less a leader—this is Misha. Throughout his cadetship he has exhibited traits which we have all envied. Of Russian descent, he seems to have inherited the superior equestrian ability of the Cossacks. It is a fine sight to watch him clearing the bars on his favorite mount or following the hounds with the Hunt Club. Throughout the past year he has been an indispensable performer on the horse show team.

But his activity is not confined merely to horsemanship; he is an intellectual light as well. In the Liberal Arts Department his grades have been consistently high, as his academic stars attest; tangible evidence of his creative ability lies in the several novels which he has written in the past two years.

As a soldier, his lieutenant-adjutant chevrons bear witness to his accomplishments; in his sash, saber, and plume he is an imposing figure.

Misha Kadick has shown a devotion to his school—an affection that is returned by every member of the corps.



Herbert Jay Kandel

"Squeegie" — Norfolk, Virginia

Chemistry

Cavalry

Private (4, 2, 1); Academic Stars (4, 2); Wrestling (4, 3, 2, 1); Corporal (3); Monogram Club (3, 2, 1); Horse Show Team (1); V. A. S. (2, 1); O. G.'s Association (1); Southern Conference Wrestling Champion, 121-lb. Class (1).

Squeege came to us from Norfolk in the fall of 1935 determined to make a place for himself at V. M. I. This he has done, as we all know, and at the same time he has made a place for himself in the hearts of the brothers of '39 which will not soon be vacated.

Probably the most concise description of Squeege is "The Little Man." This expression is true of Herby because he is a man in every sense of the word, physically, spiritually, and mentally.

We have seen Herby on the wrestling mat, over the test tube, and in the barracks bull sessions; in all he has consistently put out. He wears academic stars, and is a Southern Conference wrestling champion. He is an O. G., and a member of the very successful V. M. I. horse show team.

Herby has been a corporal, a sergeant, and an ideal first class private. The importance of the good first class private is something that we often forget; Squeege did not forget it.

Edgar Joseph Kaufman, Jr.

"Ed" Richmond, Virginia

Chemistry

Cavalry

Private (4, 3, 2, 1); V. A. S. (2, 1).

The term "where there's smoke, there's fire" may be applied to many individuals, but not Ed. We mean by this that he is one of the quiet men of barracks, but one who has hidden qualities which are often unrecognized until close contact is made.

Ed has been a conscientious chemist since his third class year. In this, as in his other activities, he has done his work without ostentation. He has been a running private in "C" Company, having chosen the cavalry as his unit upon matriculation.

Ed lives in Richmond, where he is reputed to have an interest aside from horses and test tubes. We have tried long and hard to get the scoop on this affair, but to no avail. This reticence, we feel sure, must indicate something serious.

We understand Ed is going in the business which his family has been in for some years. We know that he will be a credit to it.



Hugh Alexander Kerr

"Babe" "Kiddie" [illegible]

Chemistry

Field Artillery

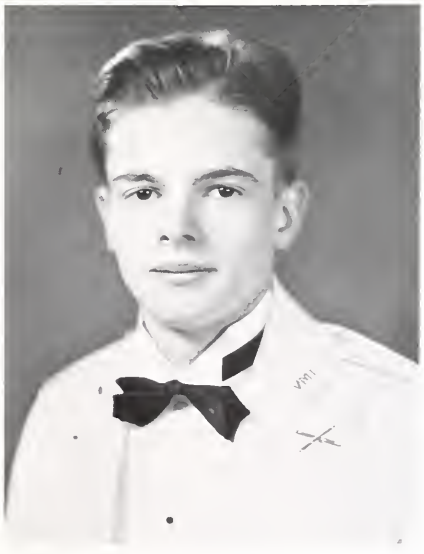
Private (4, 3, 2, 1); Northern Virginia Club (4, 3, 2, 1); Polo (3, 2, 1); V. A. S. (2, 1); Co-Secretary Hunt Committee (2); O. G.'s Association (1).

"Kitty" Kerr, "pronounced Carr, I'll have you know!" Hugh comes from the horse country, and we need only see him ride once to know it. He is one of the originators of polo at V. M. I., and has been a consistently fine player for three years. He chose artillery as his unit, and has been a cog in "D" Company activities. He leaves V. M. I. with a well-deserved B.S. in chemistry.

Hugh is small in stature, but his quiet intelligence and his personality are large factors in his make-up. He is popular among the Brother Rats, especially those who know him well. In other words, he wears well. Nor does his popularity stop with his Brother Rats or with his own sex.

Hugh is another of the quiet boys, not greatly impressed by stripes or show of any description, qualities which exemplify his composed nature and his quiet thoughtfulness.

We have no worry about Hugh's future. We know that whether it be spent in training horses or in chemical research he will be making a contribution.





Owen Beall Knight

"Smokey

Winchester, Virginia

Civil Engineering

Field Artillery

Private (4, 3, 2, 1); Pistol Team (4, 3, 2, 1); Second Class Show (2, 1); Hunt Club (2, 1); Manager, Pistol Team (1); O. G.'s Association (1).

"Father, what did you do at V. M. I?" "Why, son, I took Butch's 3A Chemistry course." If Smokey ever forgets those summer schools at the Institute he will be by himself. Only the good nature of Owen Beall Knight could have kept that broad grin alive under that biting humor of Butch. Never has there lived a more even-tempered man than O. B., always the broad grin, never a derogatory word toward anyone. There could be but one result; Smokey was and ever shall be among the first in the hearts of the men of '39. With his entrance into the second class Smokey elected to take Civil. It was a rough road, and the going was mighty hard in spots, but the end was well worth the effort. The men for whom he will work when he has left V. M. I. will sincerely appreciate his steadiness and tenacity. They say that the bright stars of scholarship fall rapidly into oblivion in the cold world. Whatever Beall got out of studies he got by hard work; in the end it will be this struggle that will carry him to the heights of success.



Yancy Henry Knowles

"Yance"

Mt. Olive, North Carolina

Civil Engineering

Field Artillery

Private (4, 2, 1); Football (4); Baseball (4, 3); North Carolina Club (4, 3, 2, 1); Intramurals (4, 3, 2, 1); Corporal (3); Sports Staff, *The Cadet* (2); A. S. C. E. (2, 1); Glee Club (1); Intramural Council (1).

Yancy did not join us until our first class year, but in him we gained a man that any class would be proud to call a Brother Rat. Yancy believed in pleasure before business, and spent half his time getting in trouble and the other half in serving penalty tours.

After spending one year out of school at hard work, Yancy joined the class of '39, astounded his professors by making grades that equaled those of the brows, and joined the ranks of the H. R. boys.

During the first three years Yancy dated practically every pretty girl in Virginia, but in his last year we noted a little change. He stopped these midnight rides and concentrated all his time on a certain young lady in Raleigh, N. C.

In Yancy we found a true and loyal friend who, in both play and work, is bound to succeed, for he has shown that he can do both and enjoy them. Good luck, Yancy.

Vendel Paul Kovar

"Bud" — Ford City, Pennsylvania

Civil Engineering

Cavalry

Football (4, 3, 2, 1); Baseball (4, 3, 2, 1); Private (4); Corporal (3); Basketball (4); Intramural Boxing Champion, 165-lb. Class (3); A. S. C. E. (2, 1); Sergeant (2); O. G.'s Association (1).

There came from Pennsylvania in the fall of 1935 a high school athlete who was to become a mainstay on the "Fighting Squadron," a hard-hitting outfielder, and a running first class private in "C" Company.

Bud is a real sportsman, and we understand he spends much of his vacation time in the wilds of Minnesota hunting and fishing. He is also agile in various kinds of gymnastics, and during our "Rat" year capably served for a while as an instructor in that sport.

Bud took up Civil Engineering as his course of study after his third class year. Here he has been consistent, especially in view of the fact that he was always representing the Institute in some form of athletics.

Vendel has always been rather reticent about his love life, but we understand there is a scoop there for somebody who has the interest to investigate it.

We have Herb Patchin to thank for bringing Bud to us, and we take this opportunity to express our gratitude.

Charles Malcolm Little, Jr.

"Mac" — Richmond, Virginia

Liberal Arts

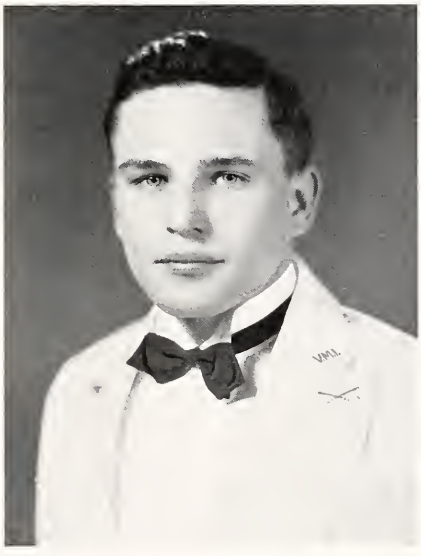
Cavalry

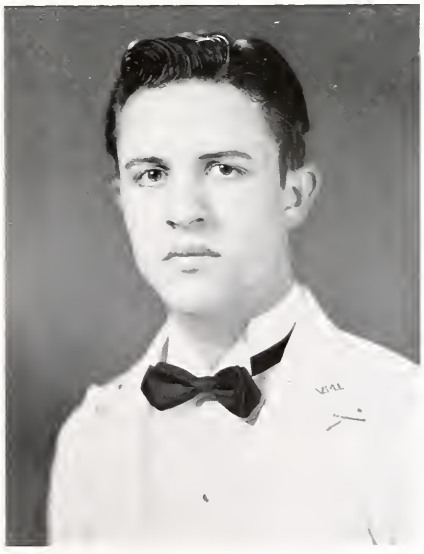
Private (4, 3, 2, 1); Basketball (4); Track (4); Richmond Club (4, 3, 2, 1); I. A. L. A. (2, 1); Charter Member of Barbary Coast (1); Pistol Team (1).

"O. K., Buddne, I'll raise you five;" "Come on, Harry, let's drop over to the 'Holl' this afternoon," or "I think I'll drop up to Silver's Wednesday and order that tweed." Expressions like these indicate the presence of Mac Little, Richmond's Little Oil heir. But then again, he might be very near us and we wouldn't know it, for when he settles down to work he remains quietly with it until it is finished.

We watched Mac dribble with the basketeers our Rat year, but saw him desert the courts thereafter in order to give more undivided attention to his academic pursuits. He did, however, follow up his athletic tendencies by participating enthusiastically in intramurals. At the conclusion of the intracompany pistol competition this past fall he was found to have qualified for the varsity team.

Through conscientious effort, for it was not easy for him, Mac has received his A.B. degree in Liberal Arts. Sheepskin in hand, he has waved his final good-bye to a host of friends at V. M. I.







Jackson Sterling Littrell

"Jack" — Schenectady, New York

Civil Engineering

Infantry

Private (4, 1); Basketball (4); Football (4, 3); Baseball (4, 2, 1); N. Y. A. (3, 2, 1); Corporal (3); Sergeant (2); Monogram Club (2); Second Class Finance Committee (2); Vice-President, Yankee Club (2); Hop Committee (1); Business Staff, Bomb (1); President, Yankee Club (1); Intramural Manager, "B" Company (1); President S. O. T. (1); Guidon Bearer, "B" Company (1); O. G.'s Association (1).

Jackson Sterling Littrell, "Jack," was born in Boston, Massachusetts in 1916, and has had the upper hand ever since.

Although his motto through the four years has been "All for one—and all for Littrell," Jack has gained a great deal of popularity—even with the Rebels.

As president of the S. O. T. Club, Jack upheld its standard to the last degree and also proved to be one of Ma's favorite sons. His ability to take life easy and yet come out with very good grades in his academic work amazed his classmates. Jack says that a Yankee doesn't have to study to leave these thick Rebels in the dust.

His forward manner taxed the instructors' ability to overlook actions and remarks in the classroom. The gray walls will long ring with Jack's thunderous voice yelling, "Settle down in the courtyard, I wanta sleep."



Alan Chatfield Lord

"Al" — Schenectady, New York

Liberal Arts

Cavalry

Private (4, 2, 1); Football (4); Yankee Club (4, 3, 2, 1); Wrestling (4); Floating University (4, 3); Corporal (3); I. A. L. A. (2, 1); Glee Club (1); O. G.'s Association (1).

When Al Lord turned southward four years ago he was resolved to put all of his energies to doing his best at V. M. I., and his Brother Rats will attest to the fact that this is just what he has done. Born with a taste for literature, Al had to endure the rigors of math, physics, chemistry, and other horrors. Finally, he reached the Promised Land and entered the Liberal Arts Department with a copy of the Forsyte Saga clutched firmly in his left hand.

In the field of athletics, both the Rat football and wrestling teams saw him doing or dying daily, and in the latter he lost twenty-five pounds in two weeks. Fastidious and neat, his uniform has been the wonder of all privates, and social activities have found Al cutting in on the best that surrounding schools had to offer. To one of their most conscientious and lovable Brother Rats, '39 wishes the success that will inevitably crown Al's traditionally sincere efforts in any endeavor that he might undertake.

John Allan Love, Jr.

"Jack" — St. Louis, Missouri

Liberal Arts

Field Artillery

Rifle Team (4, 3, 2, 1); Academic Stars (4, 3, 2, 1); Private (4); Corporal (3); Sergeant (2); Tyrant of Transportation, Barbary Coast (2, 1); Intramural Council (1); Intramural Manager (1); O. G.'s Association (1); Editorial Staff, The Bomb (1).

It didn't take '39 long to recognize the fact that in Jack Love they had a man with abilities in books, baseball, and cards. After a few months all other aspirants to the honor of being the top-stand man scholastically gave up in despair, and for four years have watched Jack carry away all academic honors. Jack has also displayed an ability at cards, however, that has been not only amazing but devastating, and like Napoleon he is credited by his roommates with being able to carry on two conversations, coach his more unfortunate brothers, read a book, and study a lesson at the same time.

In the field of athletics Jack led "E" Company as Intramural Manager and pitched its baseball team to many victories. His steady nerves and keen eye earned him a position on the rifle team, and his writing abilities the position of Associate Editor of the Bomb. The most brilliant of the brothers, Jack will long be affectionately remembered for his generous nature and his all-around abilities.

James Shelby Magoffin

"Cot" — Deerwood, Minnesota

Civil Engineering

Infantry

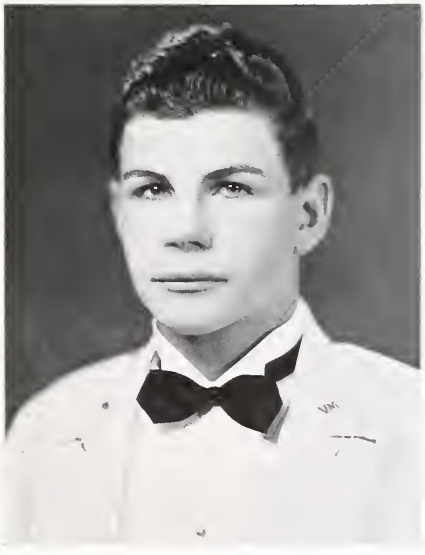
Private (4); Yankee Club (4, 3, 2, 1); Pistol Team (4, 3, 2, 1); Boxing (4, 3); Rifle Team (4, 3); Corporal (3); Football (3, 2, 1); Supply Sergeant (2); President, Minnesota Club (2); Vice-President, S. O. T. Club (1); Lieutenant (1).

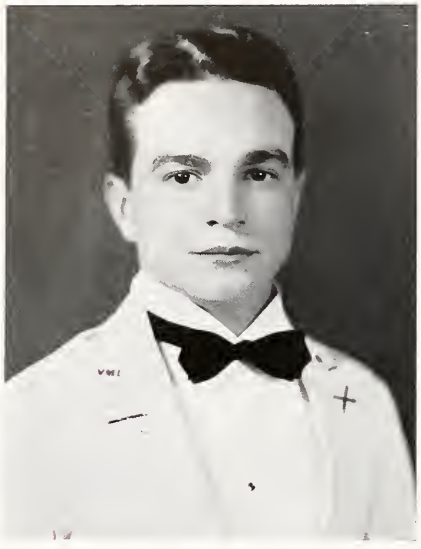
One day when his deer hunting brought him too far south to return to the wigwam, "Cot" saw a "castellated, military gothic structure situated on a high plateau" and decided to set his traps around there for a while. After he learned that a turnout was not the signal for a war-dance, he quickly settled down to familiarize himself with the paleface's ways. A military leaning, coupled with the fine figure he cut in a uniform, won him the chevrons of a corporal, a supply sergeant, and a lieutenant; his Bunyan-like physique and a love of the rough-and-tumble found him a constant member of the football squad.

We suppose because a tripod remotely resembles the structure of a wigwam, "Cot" eagerly and unhesitatingly took to the transit, the stadia, and the level when he chose his course. In the C. E. Department he has kept up with the best of his fellow engineers.

His wild tales of the wildwoods caused much comment (and doubt) in bull sessions, but many were the rabbits and quail that fell before his marksmanship. "Cot" carries back to the tepee a place in the hearts of all his Brother Rats, and to him all we can say is "Happy Hunting."







William Lowry Major

"Billy" Clifton Forge, Virginia

Civil Engineering

Field Artillery

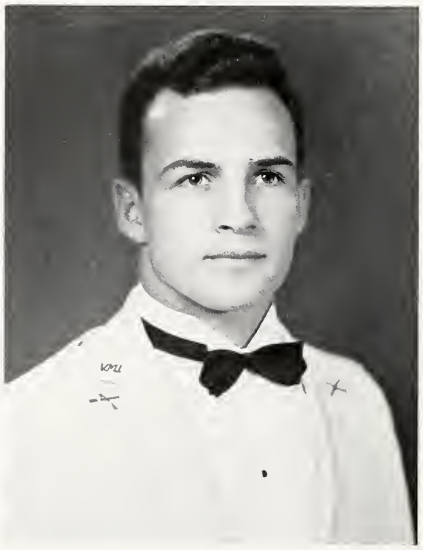
Private (4, 2, 1); Corporal (3); A. S. C. E. (2, 1).

Persistence is a synonym for "Billy, the Kid." This quality has been outstanding in Bill during his entire cadetship at V. M. I. His dogged pursuit of knowledge has netted him marks, which, although not of honor list calibre, were sufficiently good to be the envy of many of his Brother Rats.

The Kid's military aspirations received a setback at make-overs his third class year. While this was a terrible blow, he recovered in time to fully enjoy the happy-go-lucky life of a private.

When Billy left Clifton Forge in September, 1935, to enter V. M. I., he left a girl behind him. Through four long years he has remained faithful. When the temptations offered by neighboring girls' schools are considered, this becomes a really great accomplishment and is excellent testimony to his strength of character.

Now, at the end of his incarceration, "Squat" deserves his parole, for he has served long and faithfully and he leaves V. M. I. with nothing but the best of wishes from everyone who knows him.



Lawrence Grant Mathews

"L. G." "Larry" Huttig, Arkansas

Chemistry

Field Artillery

Private (4); Boxing (4); Corporal (3); Swimming (3); Track (3, 2, 1); Sergeant (2); Glee Club (2, 1); V. A. S. (2, 1); Business Staff, Bomb (1); Lieutenant (1).

The story of Larry's career at V. M. I. has been a remarkable one. Although not endowed with chevrons until late in his third class year and again at make-overs his second class year, he has kept them ever since. It seems that his one principal aim has been to make life for all of those who knew him richer and more enjoyable, and it can be truthfully said that in parting from his many friends, he will leave an empty spot that will be hard to fill.

Larry stands quite high in the course of his choice, but he has never been known to study so hard that he would not drop his book to trifle a bit. In fact, he joins with roommates Bond and Haislip to make one of the most renowned trifle teams in barracks. His Arkansas drawl, genial smile, and good looks have placed him in the ranks of the Don Juans.

It is with sorrow in our hearts, Larry, that we bid you a final adieu. You've been a lovable friend and a true Brother Rat, and we feel confident you will enjoy the same success in life that you have in barracks.

Earle Campbell Maxwell

"White Horse" Richmond, Virginia

Chemistry

Cavalry

Private (4, 3, 2, 1); Richmond Club (4, 3, 2, 1); Football (4); V. A. S. (2, 1); Keeper of the Royal Arabian Studs, Barbary Coast (1).

On the 9th of September, 1935, "White Horse" set out grimly from the Seven Hills of Richmond and crossed the Blue Ridge Mountains "to press up the hill of science" at V. M. I. "The Horse" has achieved his purpose, because he has labored diligently in analyzing the Butch's numerous chemical problems.

At the end of our Rat year Campbell was in line for a high-ranking corporal, but he discovered that his military aspirations and academics would not harmonize. Although he has been a private for four years he has rejoiced over being one of the boys and residing on the Barbary Coast.

"White Horse" has not altogether limited his career to barracks life, because he has also taken an interest in the opposite sex and vice versa. Although he is a "powerhouse" with the women his thoughts for them do not go beyond his affections for the little girl in North Carolina.

In closing, "Horse," we hope that you and the one and only will be as happy in the future with each other as we have been these years with you.



William Holladay McCarthy

"Billy" "Mac" Richmond, Virginia

Liberal Arts

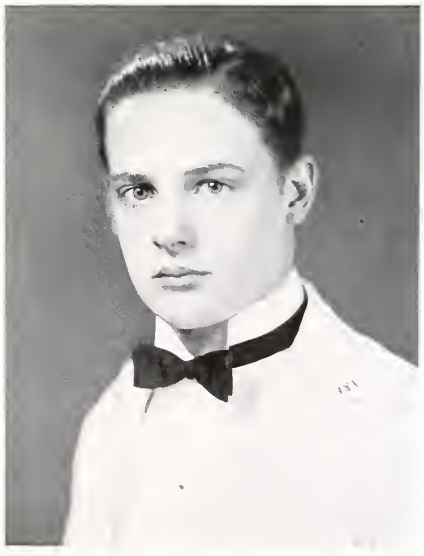
Cavalry

Private (4, 1); Episcopal Vestry (4, 3, 2, 1); Episcopal Choir (4, 3, 2); N. Y. A. (4, 3); Class Agent (3, 2); Corporal (3); Secretary, Richmond Club (3); Sergeant (2); Second Class Finance Committee (2); Vice President, Glee Club (2); Academic Stars (2); I. A. L. A. (2, 1); Richmond Club (2, 1); Hop Committee (1); Librarian, Glee Club (1); President, *The Lectern* (1); Editor, Bomb (1); O. D.'s Roster (1).

Billy McCarthy has given so much to V. M. I., his interests have been so varied, and his position in the corps so prominent, that it is really difficult to do him justice here. This very book has been made possible by his artistic sense and capable editorship, and only those who have worked with him can know the months of hard and steady work that he has put on it.

The list of Billy's material accomplishments as a cadet is above, but this alone could not acquaint one with the man whom we have known as Brother Rat. Billy's well-rounded intelligence, his unbiased opinions, his constructive ideas, combined with the force necessary to put them across will never be forgotten by those so fortunate as to be closely acquainted with him. Billy, however, is far from a dull, plodding worker, and the pleasure of his cheerful company is known to all.

Billy, indeed, is the kind of boy who makes a lump come to one's throat when one hears *Auld Lang Syne*.





WELLINGTON SAUNDERS MCMANN

"Mac" DANVILLE, VIRGINIA

Pre-Medical

Field Artillery

Private (4, 3, 2, 1); Gym Team (4, 3, 2); Winner Intramural Gymnastic Cup (2); O. G.'s Association (1).

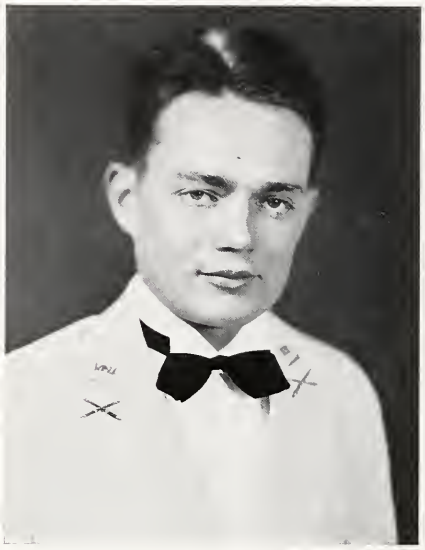
Mac, as he is affectionately named by his friends, which are legion in barracks, has only been with us for two years, but in that time he has endeared himself to all by his cheery good nature and his willingness to help a friend.

Possibly the best informed man in barracks by reason of his duties as Commandant's orderly, Mac has always been ready to explain the mysteries of the latest general order to the less informed.

Luscious odors floating silently on the chill night air would have led us to 162 where Mac held sway as a chief cook and bartender of no mean skill.

Though a true man of the world, Mac since a certain event last year, has decided his "heart belongs to daddy," and has resisted all feminine onslaughts.

Wellington is undecided whether to emulate his namesake and join the army, or to become a doctor. Whichever he does, we are sure that his cheerfulness, tact, and ability will carry him as far as he desires.



JAMES LAWRENCE MEEM, JR.

"Brow" FRONT ROYAL, VIRGINIA

Chemistry

Field Artillery

Private (4, 2, 1); Academic Stars (3, 2, 1); Intramurals (4, 3, 2, 1); Boxing (4); Corporal (3); V. A. S. (2, 1); O. G.'s Association (1).

From deep in the Shenandoah Valley came this son of V. M. I., already instilled with a love for the honor and traditions of the Institute and anxious for the opportunity to perpetuate the distinguished record established by his forefathers at this school. At the beginning of his third class year Lawrence was proudly exhibiting a corporal's chevrons and firmly clutching academic stars. The latter he has held for four years, symbolic of a scholastic record that has gained him the honored and revered appelation of "Brow." With the patience of Job and the heartfelt interest of a true Brother Rat he has always taken gladly from his time to help his less gifted classmates over the difficult hurdles in his chosen field of chemistry. Larry's ability, industry, and seriousness of purpose form a combination that has won him honor at V. M. I. and which will insure him the highest achievements in the years to come. As a Brother Rat we shall remember him for those virtues which make friendship a hallowed memory.

Langhorne Hutter Meem

"Snag" "Lang" — Bluefield, West Virginia

Civil Engineering

Artillery

Football (4, 3, 2, 1); Wrestling (4); Swimming (3, 2, 1); Corporal (3); A. S. C. E. (2, 1); Sergeant (2); Second Class Finance Committee (2); Monogram Club (1); Hop Committee (1); Club "121."

For four years now we have watched Snag Meem excel in V. M. I. athletics, perform ably his duties in the several class organizations, win his Dip. in the Civil Engineering Department, gain his share of chevrons, entertain with his unique wit, and have his turn at courting on the Sweetbriar campus. We have watched with awe and amusement.

All of us are proud of our home towns, and Snag has done his bit of rooting for dear old Bluefield. He has always been able to go us one better when the bull session lapses into the "now-in-my-home-town" stage.

In contrast to his comical antics, Lang is gifted with great ease and grace of bodily movement; as a diver he has scored often for the swimming team, thrilling the spectators with his skillful manipulation of many difficult twists and turns.

As one who is able to get a lot of fun out of life without sacrificing success in the more serious pursuits, Snag is looked up to by his Brother Rats as a model. Few have been as successful as he.



Raymond Ring Messick

"Black Magic" "Okey-Doke" — Roanoke, Virginia

Chemistry

Infantry

Private (4, 3, 2, 1); Football (4, 3, 2, 1); Roanoke Club (4, 3, 2, 1).

Roanoke has supplied V. M. I. with a great many men, but never one as unique as "Okey-Doke." Little did V. M. I. know what it was in for when he was turned loose upon it. Though not a member of '39, '38 lost a Brother Rat and '39 gained a friend when he failed to return last year.

Many are the bull sessions that have centered around his experiences, true and otherwise, dealing with the fair sex and his "run-ins" with "Butch" and "Less."

His reaming of Beard in their financial deals and their "Camp Car," which was never around when Beard wanted it, was of great amusement to his Brother Rats. Beard's most used expression in camp was "where in the hell is Prince and my half of the car?" It must also be mentioned that Ray's nicknames were many, because they changed with the winds.

His ability to take academic knocks with a smile and come back to make good have earned him a place in the esteem of our class.





WILLIAM WYLIE MIDDLETON, JR.

"Stormy" MOUNT JACKSON, VIRGINIA

Civil Engineering

Field Artillery

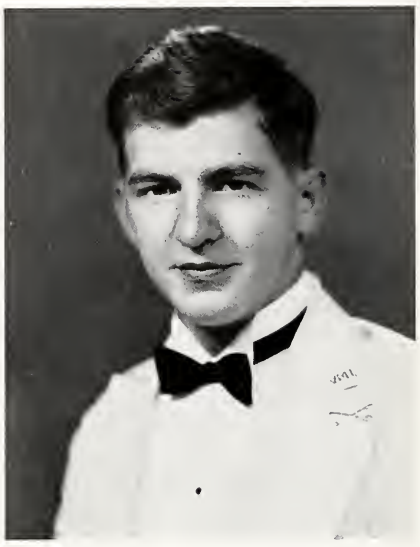
Private (4, 3, 2, 1); A. S. C. E. (2, 1); Hunt Club (2, 1).

"W-Square" has many nicknames, and they are all complimentary.

Billy is one of the younger members of the class, but he is by no means the weakest. His chest development resembles Charles Atlas', and all one need do to test his strength is to challenge him to a wrestling match. But this strength is never used unfairly, because it's practically impossible for Billy to become angry. He is the continual possessor of a genial smile and is ever ready for the fun. He is by no means a "playboy," however, as evidenced by his steadily improving record, the result of a willingness to work.

On entering V. M. I. Billy chose the artillery as his unit. He is a first class private and one of the best of them. The ostentation of stripes does not intrigue him. He is also one of Buzz's boys.

We know that Billy's quiet charm, his sense of humor, and his undeniable ability to get along with all kinds of people will carry him safely through any difficulty he may encounter.



WILLIAM CARROLL MITCHELL, JR.

"Billy" "Mitch" NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

Electrical Engineering

Cavalry

Intramurals (4, 3, 2, 1); Private (4, 1); Corporal (3); Sergeant (2); Second Class Finance Committee (2); Electrician, Second Class Show (2); Varsity Rifle (2, 1); A. I. E. E. (2, 1); Painter's Association (2, 1); Barracks Electrician (1); Hop Committee (1).

"Focus!" "Frame it!" Amid these yells our projection-room Lothario went to work. During every shirt-tail parade while the barracks boys would be whooping it up, poor Mitch was pulling his hair, thinking of the many stoop-lights to be replaced—the price he paid for being barracks electrician.

Academically Billy was right up front with the best of the "brows," never a wearer of the "gold star," but always up on top of the list.

For reasons we have never been able to figure out, Mitch has always picked the small type of girl, probably, to quote this slaphappy Casanova, because "I can handle little women." As carefree as they come, this chalk-and-eraser-thrower supreme has never had a worry, going his way in the easiest of style, overcoming obstacles as he met them, always saving plenty of time for his dearest companion—his hay. We'll always miss his pleasing personality and genial friendship.

Alexander Henderson Morrison

"Alec" — Luray, Virginia

Liberal Arts

Infantry

Private (4); Corporal (3); Editorial Staff, *The Cadet* (3, 2); Sergeant (2); Second Class Show (2); I. A. L. A. (2, 1); Academic Stars (2, 1); Second Class Finance Committee (2); Business Staff, The Bomb (1); Lieutenant (1); Episcopal Supper Club (1); Hop Committee (1); *The Lectern* (1).

Because of his modesty, few of us know that Alexander Henderson Morrison's great-grandfather was General Smith, the founder of V. M. I.; yet in him are reflected the traits of his distinguished ancestor—high ideals, outstanding intellect, feeling for religion, and boundless enthusiasm. Alexander Morrison typifies our idea of a Southern gentleman.

Bee's sense of humor is notorious. Many a time one of us has found himself walking around with his hat seal unaccountably upside down. Such puckish pranks can be traced to one source—Morrison.

In spite of the fact that he has worn stars and stripes consistently, Alec has found plenty of time for the fair sex. Goshen Pass knows him well as a lover.

Morrison has a distinct flare for business. His picture enterprise has been quite profitable. He deserves an orchid from the class for the splendid job he did in handling the flowers for the S. C. F. C.

Next year Morrison will be a sub. We know that the brown coat will fit Alec's shoulders, for his record is one of which even "Old Specs" would be proud!



Thomas Addis Emmet Moseley, Jr.

"Cap" *"T"* — Lexington, Virginia

Pre-Medical

Cavalry

Private (4); Class Artist (4, 3, 2, 1); Corporal (3); Floor Committee (4, 3, 2); Assistant Manager Football (3); First Sergeant (2); Second Class Finance Committee (2); Academic Stars (2); V. A. S. (2, 1); Captain (1); Art Editor, The Bomb (1); Hop Committee (1).

The Michelangelo of '39 was, unlike most of us, prepared for the rigors of military life. Regardless of the fact that he lives on the post, Tom-Tom has been confined to these barracks as closely as anyone. Any of the brothers will confirm the fact that he could be seen giving vent to his restlessness by prowling about the stoops while calmer souls slumbered. Stripes have not dampened his love for a frolic, for he has had a private's share of escapades. Cap was genuine in his work as well as in play, and his rank is fair evidence that he has put out when the situation demanded.

His academic stars have not prevented him from carrying on a voluminous correspondence, making and breaking romances with abandon at various institutions of feminine learning. His academic ability promises fair to make him a first-class "Man in White."

We could never forget Tom, but we shall carry a tangible evidence of him throughout our lives in our most beloved possession, the class ring that is his work.





EARL CECIL MOSES, JR.

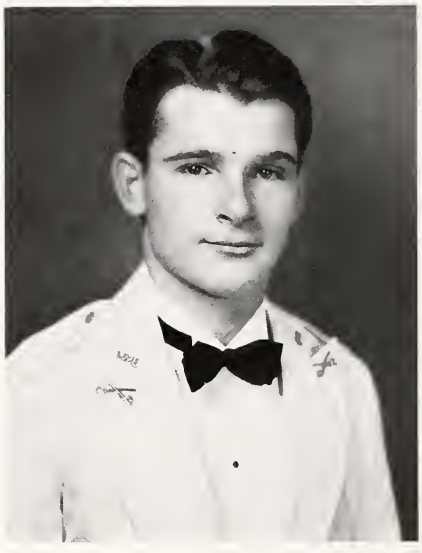
"Jake" GREAT BEND, KANSAS

Liberal Arts

Infantry

Private (4); Corporal (3); Track (3, 2, 1); Rifle (3, 2); Sergeant (2); Monogram Club (2, 1); Senior Intramural Manager (1); Lieutenant (1); Chief Judge Advocate, Barbary Coast (1).

Jake moved into V. M. I. about a month late our Rat year, but that didn't seem to bother this boy from Kansas—neither did the fact that "B" Company forgot to give him a corporal. He merely rose above it, and no one is surprised to see him with stripes now—except perhaps the Hose-Nose-Mose himself. If you ever want to know anything, just ask Jake and he'll tell you, perhaps wrongly, but very positively, and will undoubtedly keep you in stitches throughout the explanation. Academically, Mo is somewhat flighty, but he has a grand time. Any time you really want to find him try the P. E. or the poker game, and there he'll be matching witticisms with Hari-Kari Diggs. Unaccountably the girls have a decided yen for our Kansas prodigy and he's always powerhousing some "certified" number. Incidentally he hurdles after a fashion and takes his track monogram in his stride. A carefree Liberal Artist, Jake's only chronic kick is the wheat crop back home. Wherever there is something doing, there'll be Mo.



CHARLES NELSON, JR.

"Hup" NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Civil Engineering

Cavalry

Private (4, 3, 2, 1); A. S. C. E. (2); Assistant Manager, Wrestling (2); Manager, Varsity Wrestling (1); Glee Club (1).

Charles Nelson, Jr., is a Tennessee boy who is especially interested in wrestling. He made such an efficient assistant manager of the wrestling team that he was appointed to be manager. In that capacity he has skillfully handled a difficult job. That "Shnoz" himself is a grappler of no mean ability was demonstrated on the Glee Club trip to Richmond.

Charles is usually a rather quiet boy, and there have been few women in his life, yet it doesn't take much to bring him out of his shell. For example, he really loves to argue! His ability in this direction should help him in law school.

Every finals since his Rat year, "Shnoz" has sworn that he wouldn't come back to V. M. I.; however, when school started the next fall, he was always one of the first to be back. We have come to know that under his bluff Charles has a deep and sincere affection for V. M. I.

That all his classmates have an affection for the "Shnoz" is a clear indication as to the quality of his personal characteristics. To them all he is a firm friend and a true Brother Rat.

James Blakey Newman, II

"Jimmy" — Little Rock, Arkansas

Electrical Engineering

Cavalry

Private (4, 3, 2, 1); A. I. E. E. (2, 1); Academic Stars (2, 1).

"Newman, J. B., Sir," and the Class of 1939 was blessed with its own and inimitable academic brow. Jimmy is one who proceeds upon his own way, minds his own business, and only comes into prominence when his Brother Rats discover cracker crumbs in their hats, or salt in their coffee.

Early in his career, "Stormy" cast aside all military aspirations, and devoted his time to the books. Jimmy, a natural "brow," took easily to E. E., and has kept the stars shining on his battered old blouse.

No one knows the innermost thoughts, or the ultimate ambitions of "C" Company's blond terror, but a constant grin and unwavering eye-twinkle shall always give warning of unexpected and drastic action soon to follow.

So, Jimmy, when you go your way, you can rest assured that it will not be unnoticed. Your friends, and there are many of them, will always know when you are near, but, what is more important, they will know the more when you are not among them.



Robert Williamson Nix, III

"Bob" — Waterford, Virginia

Chemistry

Infantry

Private (4, 3, 2, 1), V. A. S. (2, 1); Marksman Pistol Dismounted (2); Little Symphony Orchestra (1).

Bob is an "army brat," and we feel that he must have received some early training, because he is one of the ablest command shouters among the "pebble pushers." Robert is a private in "B" Company, chiefly because he did not wish to put himself into the limelight; when called upon, however, he always produced.

Bob has chosen the infantry as his unit and chemistry as his course. He is a student of the first order, consistent and willing in his work.

He also has interests in music, not so much "swing and sway," but the real thing. He is a member of Billy's little symphony orchestra.

We have not heard a great deal of Bob's love life, but we know there must be something there, because such a quiet and attractive cadet must have made an impression on the fair sex. He certainly has on his Brother Rats.

We know that Bob Nix will make his way in life regardless of what may face him, because when he is given a task to do, it is done well.





IRVING VALLANDINGHAM PARHAM, JR.

"Val" PETERSBURG, VIRGINIA

Chemistry

Field Artillery

Private (4, 3, 2, 1); Polo Squad (3, 2); Hunt Club (2, 1); Second Class Finance Committee (2); V. A. S. (2, 1); Hop Committee (1); Petersburg Club (1); Manager, Polo (1).

Here is a man who has got much from V. M. I. in various and sundry ways. Val enjoys a good time, and V. M. I. regulations have not greatly interfered with his having it. He has been a frequent visitor with the "Minks," and he is well-known in the various girls' schools in the vicinity. At the same time, Val has lived a well-rounded life in barracks. He has been a competent student in the Chemistry Department, has served on the Second Class Finance Committee and the Hop Committee, and has been an efficient O. G. Val has an inherent love for horses and riding, and has been a member of the polo squad and the V. M. I. hunt club

A man of fixed principles and of superior intellect, Val is usually ready for a bull session, and he always has some good ideas to contribute.

We understand that I. Val. will go with DuPont after June 14. We know that his confidence and ability will enable him to make a creditable place for himself there.



FRANK MORGAN PARKER, JR.

"Sweet" CHAMBERSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

Electrical Engineering

Infantry

Private (4, 3, 1); Academic Stars (3, 2, 1); Second Class Show (4, 3, 2); Sergeant (2); Treasurer of S. O. T. Club (2, 1); Vice-Chairman, A. I. E. E. (2, 1); O. G.'s Association (1).

Who was it that said "I don't see how he can make stars and still raise so much cain?" Whoever it was, he certainly must have been referring to Parker, because in the four years at the Institute Frank's actions (particularly at Roanoke) have been told and retold; yet, his name has appeared on the Honor Roll with disgusting regularity.

Frank was never a "brow," but hard, earnest work coupled with a world of good common sense and never-failing logic consistently placed him in that sidereal space above 9.0; and that same common sense, plus a warm heart and cheerful generosity endeared him to all of his Brother Rats. He took chevrons as he took everything else—in his stride. For three years he ably dodged feminine wiles, falling at last before the guns of a Yankee Siren who was a little too quick on the draw.

Witty, warm-hearted, generous and hard-working—those are the qualifications with which Frank will face the cruel world; we envy the people with whom he will associate, for their gain is our great loss.

John Pasco, Jr.

"Certified" — Raleigh, North Carolina

Pre-Medical

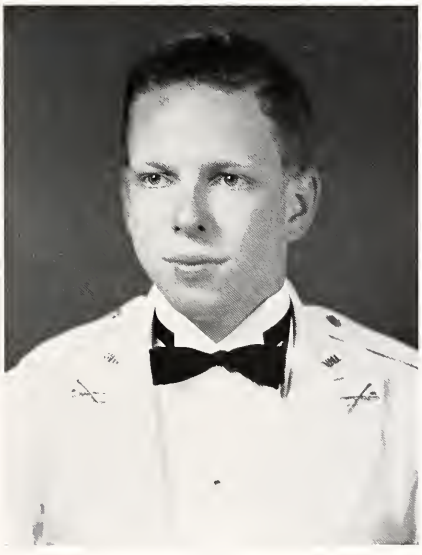
Cavalry

Carolina Club (4, 3, 2, 1); Private (4); Football (4); Corporal (3); Sergeant (2); Business Staff, *The Cadet* (2); Assistant Manager, Basketball (2); Second Class Play (2); V. A. S. (2, 1); Circulation Manager, *The Cadet* (1); O. G.'s Association (1).

"Red Dog" to his roommates, "Certified" to his fraternal pre-meds, and just plain John to the rest, Pasco has that enviable faculty of being a friend to all, enemy to none. His broad smile and radiant countenance are capable of lifting the gloom from the most discouraging situations; his generosity and his willingness to help are gratifying.

Cupid's side of our story reveals a veritable Don Juan; concentrating his affections upon no one girl in particular, John finds great sport in having columns of them tag along behind him. The morning mail never fails to bear fruit for him, and the variety is always great. Withal, he is ever faithful to the Tar Heels and the Floridians, seldom allowing his amorous attentions to depart from their ranks.

With his array of humanitarian tendencies and with his remarkable congeniality, we are not surprised to find John preparing himself for the medical profession.



John Kirkpatrick Peebles

"Potent" — Nashville, Tennessee

Civil Engineering

Field Artillery

Private (4, 2, 1); Corporal (3); A. S. C. E. (2, 1); Assistant Manager, Tennis (2); Manager, Tennis (1); Business Staff, Bomb (1).

John Kirkpatrick Peebles is one of several boys who came to V. M. I. from Nashville, Tennessee. At first he had ambitious ideas concerning his military future, but after a fling at being a corporal, he settled down to become one of the select clique of first class privates who worked so hard to keep "F" Company in the lead. Particularly has he been active in intramural soft ball as catcher for his team.

"Potent" is a quiet, unassuming boy who gets on well with everyone. It was this ability to make friends that won him the managership of the tennis team. In spite of that exacting duty and being on the business staff of the Bomb, "Potent" has pulled his grades up ever since his Rat year to a point where he has frequently made the Honor Roll.

Johnny is mighty lucky and seems to bear a charmed life—he has been going with the same girl for four years and wasn't even scratched when the car in which he was riding turned over six times! Here's hoping Lady Luck will continue to sit on his shoulder, for "Potent" is one swell fellow.





William Gorman Quinn

"Bill" — Ardmore, Pennsylvania

Chemistry

Field Artillery

Private (4, 3, 2, 1); Fencing Team (4, 3, 2); Rifle (4, 3, 2, 1); Gym Team (4, 3, 2, 1); Glee Club (1); Astronomy Club (1); O. G.'s Association (1).

Here is the busiest hobbyist in the first class; photography, rifle collecting, archery, and astronomy are only a few of his extra-curricular activities. Aside from these Bill was on the gym team, a cheerleader for two years, on the fencing team, and participated to a large extent in intramurals. With all this outside work he consistently made the Honor Roll, missing academic stars by a very narrow margin. In his spare time Bill mastered the guitar with which he accompanied his inexhaustible supply of ballads. At camp the job of bugler fell to Beepo, a job which he filled well, allowing the boys to sleep overtime on only one morning. In barracks his good humor and ready wit soon won him coveted place in the esteem of his Brother Rats.

Bill selected the chemistry course at the end of his third class year. This presented larger fields of endeavor for his inquisitive mind and led to even more dabbling through a greater access to the labs. Life could never be dull or unsuccessful to one with Bill's ability and interests.



Reuben Ragland, Jr.

"Rube" — Jacksonville, Florida

Electrical Engineering

Field Artillery

Private (4, 1); Cross-Country (4); Intramurals (4, 3, 2, 1); Pistol (4, 3, 1); Episcopal Choir (4); Academic Stars (3); Corporal (3); Sergeant (2); A. I. E. E. (2, 1); Rifle Team (1); O. G.'s Association (1).

Military routine and life in these rugged hills of old Virginny has not changed the good-natured disposition of Rube, who forsook the sunny shores of Florida to further his education and experience.

Glancing back over his four years at V. M. I. we see that his dreams have become realities. Academic stars, chevrons, and week-end rendezvous embody these dreams. Rube's cadetship has not been all victory. He has had his ups and downs. Losing both stars and chevrons at the end of his second class year, Rube joined the happy carefree ranks of the masses.

Any brief summary of his life here would be incomplete unless mention was made of the postal situation. Letters from all parts of the country distinguished him from the average man, even after the O. A. O. came along. All those desiring instruction in the art of writing love letters were sure to find all types in R. R.'s collection.

Your life at V. M. I., Rube, predicts a happy future.

Willis Smith Riddick

"Roe" Suffolk, Virginia

Chemistry

Field Artillery

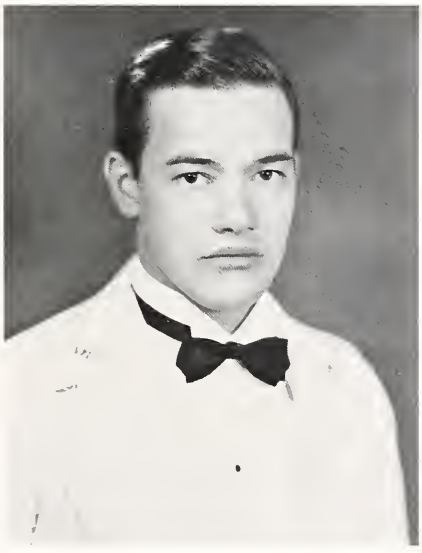
Private (4, 3, 2, 1); Gym Team (4, 3, 2, 1); Wrestling (2); Intramural Council (1); Pistol Team (1).

It didn't take Willie Roe, the Pride of the Peanut Country, long to make a name for himself in barracks. A well-balanced mixture of serious concentration when working and happy-go-lucky cheerfulness when playing have made Willis a good student and a fine friend.

For four years he has been a stand-by on the gym team, and climaxed his efforts by captaining the team his first class year. No intramural manager has worked harder than Willis, and "F" Company supremacy in the field of athletics attest to the success of his efforts.

Bull sessions bring out the best in many men, and Willie has been a shining example of mastery of the art, whether the field has been any of the four stoops of barracks or the famed N. C. O.'s Club of Fort Hoyle fame.

Although his abilities of leadership went unrecognized when military honors were given out, he found other fields, and his first class year saw him an honored member of the Intramural Council. He has lived a well balanced four years.



Patrick Williams Riddleberger

"Pat" "Pedro" [illegible]

Liberal Arts

Infantry

Private (4); Track (4, 3, 2); Captain, Track (4), Class Historian (4, 3, 2, 1); Intramurals (4, 3, 2, 1); Y. M. C. A. (4, 3, 2); General Committee (3, 2, 1); Corporal (3); Sergeant (2); Honor Court (2, 1); I. A. L. A. (2, 1); Second Class Finance Committee (2); Bomb Staff (1); Captain (1); Episcopal Vestry (1); Hop Committee (1); *The Lectern* (1); Commanders (1).

The accomplishments listed above indicate Pat's material contributions to the Institute and to his class. There are others of course, abstract ones such as his enthusiasm, his conscientiousness, his spirit, and his cheerfulness; all these are contributions in that they have served as inspirations to those who have known him.

It is always gratifying to know a man who is capable and serious in line of duty, but who is not so utterly absorbed in his work that he does not take time out to play occasionally. Realizing that all work and no play makes Johnny a dull boy, Pat was not above joining the crowd at reasonable intervals for an afternoon at the Embassy Club.

Looking back upon the successful year "B" Company has had under his capable military leadership, we are not surprised to learn that he entertains thoughts of entering the Army. We have known him as a private, as a corporal, as a sergeant, and as a captain; may we have the pleasure of knowing him in the future as a general.





ARTHUR HENRY ROBERTSON

"Jet-Oil" "Robbie" CHASE CITY, VIRGINIA

Civil Engineering

Cavalry

Private (4, 1), Corporal (3); Sergeant (2); A. S. C. E. (2, 1); O. G.'s Association (1).

To Chase City goes the honor of having produced the most running corporal, sergeant, and first class private in barracks, for early in his third class year Robbie received the honored nickname of "Jet-Oil," traditionally, if not officially awarded by each class to one of its members.

No dude is Jet-Oil, however, as anyone who has ever tangled with him in intramural wrestling knows, for the grappling sessions that he and his Varsity-wrestler roommate, Horsey Hill, have carried on have taught him much about the famed Japanese art.

In Civil Engineering Robbie has shown like a beacon, and he has acquired the reputation of completing a drawing plate, the Nemesis of many an engineer, in record time. The extra time thus acquired, he has spent quite profitably in the vicinity of Harrisonburg, the life of which centers around Madison College.

In leaving, we say, "Here's to Robbie and the girls he attracts, we hope we'll never lose either."



ELADIO RUBIRA

"Ruby" "Lily" MOBILE, ALABAMA

Civil Engineering

Field Artillery

Private (4, 3, 2, 1); Gym Team (4, 3, 2, 1); Swimming Team (3, 2, 1); Cheerleader (3, 2); Business Staff, *The Cadet* (2); Head Cheerleader (1).

A true Alabama gentleman entered the Institute in the fall of '35 with little knowledge of the type of life he was to live for the next four years. But he was quick to catch on to military life, and his personality and constantly radiating good humor soon made him a fixture in the Corps and with his Brother Rats of the class of '39.

Early in our Rat year we realized that Rubie was talented in handling his body with graceful and seemingly easy movements. His performance on the parallel bar indicated that to us. During his third class year he won a position on the swimming team and for the next three years he almost single-handedly gained all the team's points in the fancy diving event. He did not stop at bringing cheers to himself, but became a cheerleader and was elected head cheerleader his last year.

Rubie is intelligent and could see through the problems in Civil with the best of them, but his unassuming manner did not lead to stars. We know that there are stars for him in Alabama, and in life.

Edward Harrison Ruffin

"Ed" Hopewell, Virginia

Civil Engineering

Field Artillery

Private (4, 1); Corporal (3); Academic Stars (3, 2, 1); Sergeant (2); Cadet Librarian; A. S. C. E. (2, 1); Barbary Coast (1).

Intelligent, experienced, and worldly wise, Ed Ruffin is anything but ostentatious; in fact, he has a reserve and a reticence which he has turned into virtues. As a regular Jack-of-all-trades he has been a boon to the N. Y. A. staff throughout his cadetship.

Though a civil engineer, Ed is an asset to any barracks bull session; his wealth of experiences on both land and sea have provided him with stories which we have all thrilled to hear.

With his extreme practicality and his zest for instruments, we were not surprised to find Ed entering the Civil Engineering Department when the time came for him to make his choice. Here he has gained the everlasting admiration of each and every one of his instructors and has been the envy of many brother engineers.

Ed probably plans to continue with Civil Engineering as his life work, but we who have listened spellbound to his marvelous tales of the sea shan't be surprised if he turns out to be another Haliburton.



Walter Alexander Samans

"Boot" "Sad Sam" Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Civil Engineering

Field Artillery

Private (4, 3, 2, 1); Second Class Show (4, 3); Intramurals (4, 3, 2, 1); *The Cadet* Staff (3); Painter's Union (2, 1); Minister of Propaganda, Barbary Coast (1).

The post-nursery rhyme concerning the finale of the "Yankee born, Yankee bred," was never applied more fittingly than to "Boot." Witty, pseudo-cynical, and with a bent for excitement, he was never one to play the role of a shy wallflower. From our Rat year onward, he has managed to be the lifeblood and moving spirit of any scheme that promised diversion. It was through following this line of action that he was, significantly, the only one caught throwing firecrackers in the super shirt-tail parade of our third class year.

A prominent member of Privates Row since the inclusion of his name on V. M. I.'s roster, "Sad Sam" has devoted his energies to extra-curricular and nonmilitary matters. But it is as a Brother Rat that Boot's light shines, for never could one find a more worthwhile friend. Friendly yet frank, intelligent, honest and dependable are words that only partially serve to picture him. The unwillingness of Brother Rats to part forever at Finals is intensified for those who know, and will remember, Boot.





Delbert Kay Santee, Jr.

"Del" Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

Civil Engineering

Cavalry

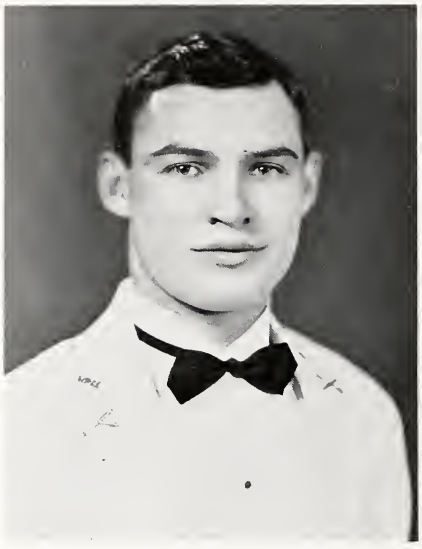
Private (4, 3, 2, 1); Glee Club (4, 3, 2, 1).

Out of the smoke-laden wilds of Bethlehem, Pa., there came one day to V. M. I. the most rebellious of "regulation rebels" ever to grace the solemn halls of the Institute. Misunderstood from the start, Delbert found himself immediately relegated to the realm of the "two per cent." Having no military aspirations whatever, "Del" worked his way up through the ranks to the proud station of cadet private, first class, and the honored title of "one of the boys."

At heart a Liberal Artist, "Del" took to the C. E. Department, and muttering all the while the refrain of "I came, O 'Bootie,' lend thine ear, because my father sent me here."

In this same refrain lies the secret of "Deke's" original jaunt to the hills of Rockbridge County, yet, despite many vigorous protests to the contrary, every September found him once again climbing into the "grossest uniform since Jackson."

And now, "Del," it's over at last. The future? And your wild dreams? Oh, they'll come true.



Oscar Boyd Saunders

"Doc" Roanoke, Virginia

Civil Engineering

Infantry

Private (4, 2, 1); Football (4, 3, 2, 1); Basketball (4, 3, 2, 1); Baseball (4, 3, 2, 1); Intramurals (4, 3, 2, 1); Corporal (3); Monogram Club (3, 2, 1); A. S. C. E. (2, 1); Secret "15."

Doc came to us from a prep school where he had made a name for himself as an athlete. This record he has successfully carried into V. M. I., and had it not been for unfortunate injuries we know that Doc would be remembered for an even finer record than the one he established for himself.

Doc decided to cast his lot with the Civil boys, and although he has not allowed his work to become a handicap to other activities, he has done it well.

Oscar is one of V. M. I.'s true Casanovas. He has left a stream of broken hearts all over the state, and what's more, he is still in action. It seems as though he might have found his O. A. O. at this point, however.

Whenever there is a bull session raging, it is almost a sure bet that Oscar will be part of it and that he invariably has something interesting and instructive to contribute.

Doc's sense of humor and his ability to differentiate important things from nonessentials will certainly carry him over many obstacles which he may meet.

Joseph Lynn Savage

"Joe" "Doc" — Fredericksburg, Virginia

Liberal Arts

Infantry

Private (4, 2, 1); Corporal (3); Carrie Nation Club (4, 3, 2, 1); Editorial Staff, *The Cadet* (3, 2); O. G.'s Association (1); Outrage Editor, Bomb (1); Episcopal Supper Club (1).

Our first acquaintance with Joe came when we heard certain remarks concerning Jet-Oil and Fredericksburg addressed to him our Rat year. Since that time he has proved himself a true V. M. I. cadet along those same lines. In the military realm so often associated with shoe polish he became a corporal, made an excellent record in Military Science, and showed himself to be worthy of high trust as a leader and an able second to his Brother Rat officers. As a complement to these abilities he has proven himself a true man worthy of his state and his historic home, Fredericksburg.

Joe was often supposed to have slept in class, but those who sat beside him knew that he was really thinking up some of the droll humor for which he was noted. He was quiet but devoted to his Brother Rats.

From four years of acquaintanceship with Joe we know that he will always strive to make life pleasant for those around him. He will successfully turn his energy to meet any task assigned him, and above all he will be—a gentleman.

Ira Nelson Saxe

"Saxey" — West Hurley, New York

Electrical Engineering

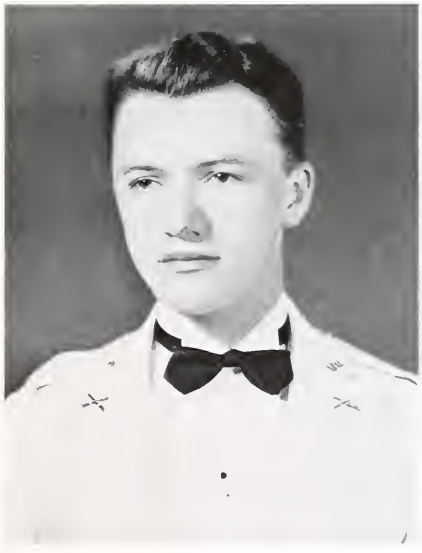
Field Artillery

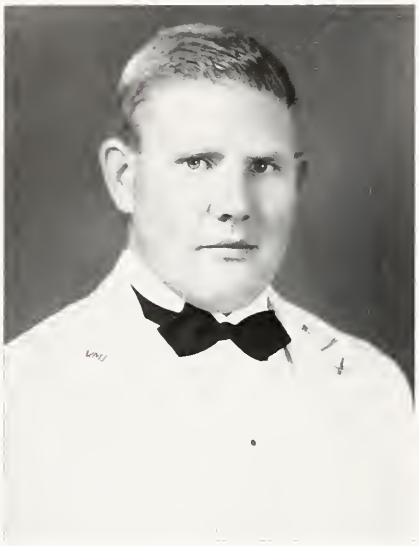
Private (4, 3, 2, 1); Football (4); Basketball (4, 3, 2, 1); Track (4, 3, 2, 1); Yankee Club (4, 3, 2, 1); Monogram Club (2, 1); A. I. E. E. (2, 1).

Ira Saxe, the strong, silent, tall, athletic Yankee blossomed out in a role different from any he had played before when he found himself literally besieged by adoring women during his camp days, but he apparently had no difficulty in choosing a particular one. Camp also proved to be an exciting experience for Ira, although experience is really too mild a word, in that it marked the period of possession of a car, or perhaps we should say, a '29 Ford.

Most of Ira's attention in barracks has been devoted to one of the toughest courses that V. M. I. has to offer, Electrical Engineering, and to athletics, for Ira has been a three-sport man, football, basketball, and track occupying his time. In recognition of his services on the basketball team Ira was initiated into the Monogram Club, and one of the outstanding moments of the Monogram Club Show was Ira's rendition of "In a Chapel in the Moonlight." Watch the watts and women, Ira, and you can't go wrong.







John Edgar Seaton

"Chub" — Staunton, Virginia

Civil Engineering

Field Artillery

Private (4, 3, 2, 1); Football (4, 3, 2); Second Class Show (3); A. S. C. E. (2, 1); O. G.'s Association (1).

'Tis said of Chub Seaton that when he first came to V. M. I. he counted off 2, 3, and 4, and that six months later it was only 2 and 3, but regardless of how much weight he lost, he never lost the good nature that proverbially goes with those who are built a little more solidly than their fellows.

To the Rat football team and the "F" Company line he was a blessing in no disguise, and Civil Engineering came to him as easily as a pair of queens, for when he first peeped through a transit he knew that he had found his chosen field.

Never to be forgotten was Chub's impersonation of the negro mammy in '38's "Ten-Four-and-Sixty-four," with his authoritative massaging of the alluring Smokey Patton. Likewise, the camp artillerymen will never forget his dominating figure atop the "Load." With the biggest and best of the brothers, '39 parts regretfully, Chub, and wishes you all the good luck that your cheerful nature and abilities deserve.



Gordon Kenneth Slaughter

"Kenny" "Slug" — Norfolk, Virginia

Electrical Engineering

Cavalry

Private (4, 3, 2, 1); Norfolk Club (3, 2, 1); Second Class Show (3, 2); Second Class Finance Committee (2); Glee Club (2, 1); Academic Stars (3, 2); Assistant Manager, Varsity Track (2); A. I. E. E. (2, 1); O. G.'s Association (1).

"Nathan, put down a hay!" and almost any afternoon you could be sure of finding the leading barracks "hay hound" defending his title. No, "Kenny" is not a Liberal Artist, but being blessed with the ability to work a difficult calculus problem, play a vicious game of bridge, and hold a heated discussion on the "Art of Leeching," all at the same time, he has guided his academic abilities into the field of Electrical Engineering.

Hailing from Norfolk in the fall of '35, "Kenny" ambled into the Rat line armed with nonchalance, his suitcase, and an accordion. Somehow or other Slaughter always seemed to be around when things began to happen. Although he wore a clean sleeve for four years, he was "grafted" into a position on the Second Class Finance Committee, and the following year he fell heir to a place on the Hop Committee.

Women? They never perturbed him. "Shucks, fellas, they're strong for me." And so are your Brother Rats, "Kenny."

Donald Bill Slessman

"Jeep" — Fremont, Ohio

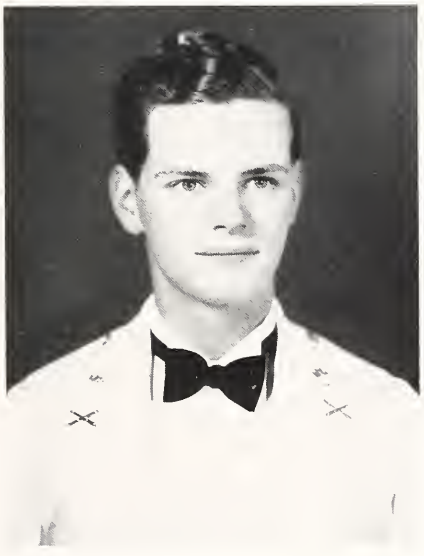
Civil Engineering

Field Artillery

Private (4, 3, 2, 1); Yankee Club (4, 3, 2, 1); Boxing (4, 3); Glee Club (3); A. S. C. E. (2, 1); O. G.'s Association (1).

"Donald Duck" can be counted upon to try anything once, which is probably the reason why he came to V. M. I. in the first place. Since that fatal day he has found a secure place in the hearts of all the brothers. Somehow the powers that be overlooked the "Jeep" when the time came around for appointments, and he has remained a time-honored and most respected resident of Privates Row. However, if you really need a first line at parade, just turn the company over to Don—the results are phenomenal. By way of recreation, Don has been a veritable tower of strength for "E" Company, and was one of the mainstays of the boxing team before the discontinuance of that sport.

The "Jeep's" unconquerable hobbies seem to be guns and women. In regard to the former he is almost fanatical. Any Saturday you can find him prowling about some pawn shop or walking around the stoop literally armed to the teeth, and the camouflaged arsenal which he calls his room bristles with weapons. In between times, he takes occasion to captivate the gals over Hollins way. Good luck, Jeep.



William Royall Smithey, Jr.

"Bill" — University [illegible]

Chemistry

Field Artillery

Private (4, 3, 2, 1); Boxing (3); V. A. S. (2, 1); Editorial Staff, *The Cadet* (2); Assistant Sports Editor, *The Cadet* (1); Editorial Staff, Bomb (1); O. G.'s Association (1).

"Smyth" came from the heart of the University of Virginia to matriculate at V. M. I. on that memorable day in the fall of '35. While well grounded in the ways of "Wahoo" by his keen observations as a resident of the university Circle, "Smittey" was soon able to distinguish the V. M. I. way of accomplishing things from all other ways. This, of course, was not made possible without numerous visits and conferences with the feathered non-coms on the west side of the second stoop.

As a member of the Field Artillery and of "F" Company, Smithey was never troubled with any military rank as he remained one of the true brothers for his entire career as a cadet.

"Smittey" went in for the chemistry course in a big way and soon developed into one of the most proficient chemists and hay hounds of the entire department.

His natural ability and seriousness of purpose will enable "W. R." to make a successful career in chemistry or in anything else he may undertake.





THOMAS WALTON SPURGIN

"Teena" NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

Liberal Arts

Field Artillery

Private (4, 3, 2, 1); Fencing (4); Swimming (3).

"Nice day, isn't it, Major"—this invariably comes from Teena at the beginning of each class as the unpredictable colossus tries valiantly for the bull session that is never forthcoming. Teena throughout his four years here has provided much of the life and fun of L. A. 2, and his unending experiments, although sometimes unavailing, are always indicative of his inherent wit and good nature. While the S.-Purg didn't go in for militarism from the proverbial chevron standpoint, if you ever want to know anything about tactics, guns or K. P.'s just ask Spurgin.

His love life remains a mystery, and all we can get is the whimsical, cryptic, "Certy you think so." Teena is a born Liberal Artist and between hay periods and swimming practice he somehow finds time to do his abhorred German. Two syllable words may make his eyebrows raise, but Teena remains among the best and truest of artillerymen. Somehow our class just wouldn't seem complete without him.



RICHARD DONALD STRICKLER

"Dick" ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA

Civil Engineering

Field Artillery

Private (4); Boxing (4, 3); Track (4, 3, 2, 1); Football (4, 3, 2, 1); Monogram Club (3, 2, 1); All-State Tackle (3, 2); A. S. C. E. (2, 1); Southern Conference Shot-put Champion and Record Holder; President, Monogram Club (1); President, Athletic Council (1); Captain, Company "F" (1); Captain, Track (1).

One day in the spring of 1939 a report came out on the delinquency sheet—"Strickler, R. D.—taking unauthorized civilian in barracks." Many of us saw this civilian. He was a boy of about five years. Big Strick was leading him by the hand through the courtyard. This incident shows something of the character of a man who has made a way for himself in many ways, but who has never lost sight of the more insignificant persons about him; one who always had another's interest in view as well as his own.

Dick has been a capable captain of "F" Company, a consistently fine performer in sixty-minute style on the squadron, and a Southern Conference champion in the shot-put. He has served on the Athletic Council, and was president of the Monogram Club in 1938-39.

Dick expects to continue his military career as an officer in the Marine Corps. V. M. I. is fortunate in sending such a representative into the service.

Donald James Stroop

"Li'l Man" "Don" — Glenbrook, Connecticut

Civil Engineering

Cavalry

Private (4, 3, 2, 1); Wrestling (4); Intramurals (4, 3, 2, 1); Yankee Club (4, 3, 2, 1); Cross-Country (4); Riding Club (3, 2, 1); Rifle (3, 2); Business Staff, *The Cadet* (2); A. S. C. E. (2, 1); Editorial Staff, *The Cadet* (1); O. G.'s Association (1); Baptist Club (1).

"I'm a 'damyankee' and mighty proud of it!" So the Connecticut Yankee in King Kilbourne's court, despite all censure of the brothers from Dixie, continues to maintain the complacency characteristic of only the "Little Man."

Donald has had a long and arduous career at the Institute. He found it necessary to get a year's head start, but in due time he was welcomed into his logical place in the ranks of "'39." Notwithstanding a permanent membership to the "Floating U.," Stroop has struggled not in vain beneath the questioning eyes of the "Bootie" and the "Buzz."

Never, at any time, cherishing any deep-seated military aspirations, he has been content to grace the ranks of "C" Company's diminutive titans, and on the short end, at that. Yet, his size cannot belittle his ability, as his friends (and there are many) can testify.

So, here's to you, Don, it is not without just cause that we can say, "Good work, Little Man, you've had a busy day."

William Arthur Sutherland, Jr.

"Billy" — Clifton Forge, Virginia

Chemistry

Cavalry

Private (4, 3, 2, 1); Wrestling (4, 1); Assistant Manager Swimming (2); Assistant Manager of Baseball (2); V. A. S. (2, 1) O. G.'s Association (1).

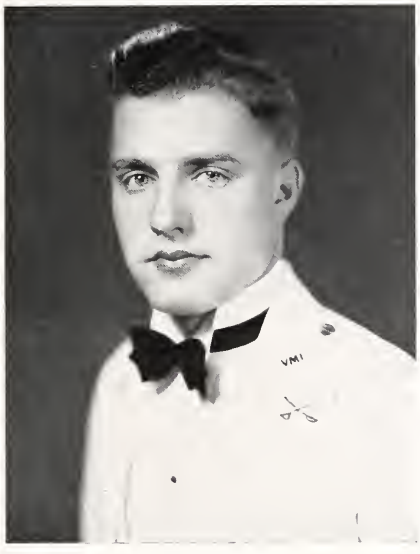
Efficiency is the keyword for Billy Sutherland's character. We have seen this made manifest through his duties as assistant manager of swimming, as assistant manager of baseball, as an N. Y. A. worker, and as an Officer of the Guard.

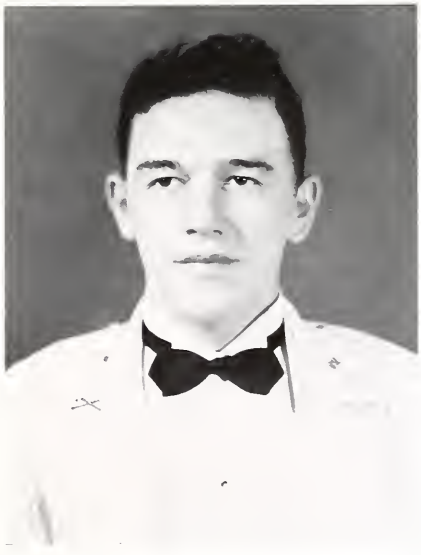
Socially, he has made his appearance on the campus of every girls' school in the vicinity of Lexington at least once during his cadetship, showing decided favoritism for Hollins his last year.

Academically, he has been a steady student, very nearly qualifying for the category titled "brows." He is an "object of honest pride" for his instructors.

By way of interests, Billy is a genuine horse lover. Much of his spare time is spent in the corral or at White's farm on his favorite mount.

Along with his gratifying efficiency, his academic stability, and his sociability, Billy Sutherland has exhibited an amazing faculty for taking his hard knocks without a complaint—in fact, with a smile.







Larry Thompson Swann

"L. T." — Roanoke, Virginia

Civil Engineering

Infantry

Private (4, 3, 2, 1); Rifle Team (3); Fencing (3); Vice-President, Baptist Club (2); A. S. C. E. (2, 1).

Larry came to us from Roanoke in 1935. He was not long in deciding that the infantry was to be his unit, and he has been an ardent supporter of "B" Company and the pebble pushers during his four years as a cadet.

L. T.'s activities in barracks have been varied. He has fired for the Institute on the rifle team and has parried and lunged on the fencing team.

After his second year, Larry decided that C. E. was the course for him, and he has been a mainstay among Buzz's boys ever since.

Larry had quite a reputation as a driver when he came to V. M. I. Last year at camp he verified the rumors in a most realistic manner. He was always very philosophical about such matters.

We are not sure what Larry will do when he leaves V. M. I., but we are sure that whatever it is, he will project his personality into it, and to the advantage of all concerned.



John Mackenzie Tabb

"Mack" — Middleburg, Virginia

Civil Engineering

Field Artillery

Private (4, 1); Track (4, 3); Basketball (4); Hop Committee (4, 3, 2, 1); Intramurals (4, 3, 2, 1); Corporal (3); Sergeant (2); Polo (3, 2, 1); Co-Secretary, Hunt Committee (2); A. S. C. E. (2, 1); Master of Hounds, Hunt Club (1); Chairman, Floor Committee (1).

The baying of hounds, the neighing of horses, the blaring of horns, and the cries of huntsmen, are music to the ears of J. Mackenzie Tabb. As Master of Hounds of the Hunt Club and Co-Secretary of the Hunt Committee, he is a beautiful rider and a skillful one too, as his place on the polo team truly indicates.

Mack has been both a corporal and a sergeant, but his most responsible position has been on the Hop Committee. He has held the chairmanship of the Floor Committee, and in that capacity has been an important factor in the smooth-running of the hops.

Intramurals have always interested Tabb, and he has put out for his company every year in its competition against other companies on the hill. He has excelled especially in track and basketball.

Always impeccably turned out, Tabb has the air that only grooming and good taste can give. Truly he is a worthy representative of a proud F. F. V. Here's hoping Mack will always be able to be the first to cry "ven halloo!"

John Edmonds Talman

"Johnny" — Richmond, Virginia

Civil Engineering

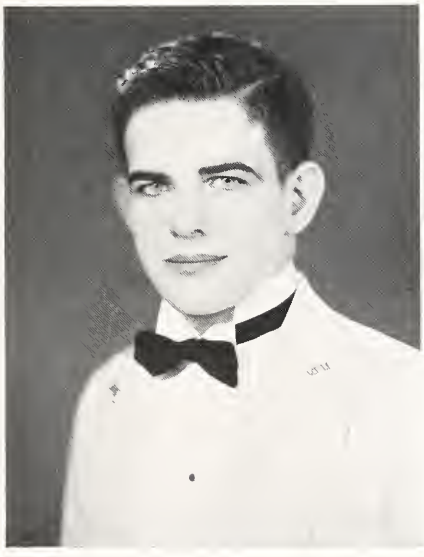
Cavalry

Private (4, 2, 1); Wrestling (4, 3, 2, 1); Baseball (4, 3, 2); Corporal (3); Vice-President, A. S. C. E. (2); Vice-President, Richmond Club (2); Monogram Club (2, 1); Captain, Wrestling (1); President, Richmond Club (1); Intramural Council (1).

John Talman's forte is wrestling—a sport in which he has been proficient for four years. As captain of his team, he has led it to repeated victories. But Johnny is no mere torso-twister! During his cadetship, this monogram man has proved to his Brother Rats that under his infectious grin, there lies a mind that is capable and sober. In recognition of this admirable characteristic, he was elected to both the presidency of the Richmond Club and the vice-presidency of the A. S. C. E.

Talman was a high ranking corporal, but lost his place in the sun in his second class year. As a first classman, however, he has shone brightly as the "C" Company guidon carrier and as an O. D. whose guard tours have been marked by efficiency and fairness.

Johnny is extremely popular with all who know him, for they realize full well that his friendship is genuine and sincere. Yet, while making friends for himself, he has done much for the credit and honor of V. M. I. As a result, we all know that Johnny has not "lost sight of the forest for the trees."



Elliott Ray Taylor

"Ace" "Noie" — Ashland, Virginia

Civil Engineering

Cavalry

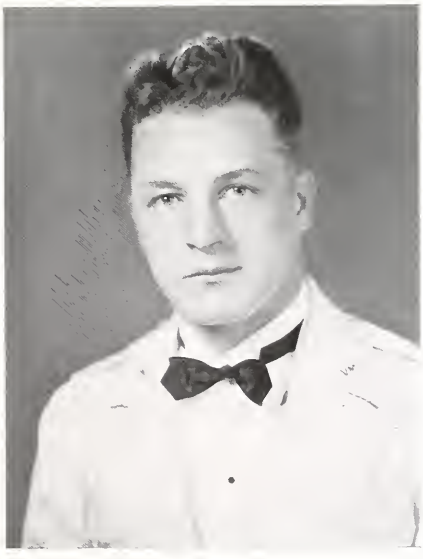
Private (4, 2, 1); Football (4, 3, 2, 1); Basketball (4, 3, 2, 1); Baseball (4, 2, 1); Monogram Club (3, 2, 1); Captain, Basketball (1).

Presenting the Ace, none other than that barracks Casanova, that able athlete, that blond Adonis, that good-natured martyr to the cause of Civil Engineering—the Boot.

Yessah, Ray thought so much of his studies that he often spent the summer in Lexington doing "research" work. His athletic ability, however, speaks for itself. During three years of Monogram winning, he has collected numerous honors, including All-State end and captain of the basketball team.

There were two extra-curricular activities dear to the Boot's recreation schedule, his hay and Sweet Briar, the hay during the week and the Patch over the week-end. Women—at least a dozen in four years—have tried hard, but he hasn't fallen yet. Ace is one of the few who can proudly boast "they haven't caught me running the block—yet."

Certainly Ole Man Success will get you Ray, and all the brothers are with you right straight to the top.





Heber Lomax Thornton

"Heb" "H. L." Fredericksburg, Virginia

Liberal Arts

Field Artillery

Private (4, 3, 2, 1); Boxing (4); Northern Virginia Club (4, 3); Polo Team (2, 1); Riding Club (2, 1); O. G.'s Association (1).

When a rather small third classman stepped up to a Rat on September morn and asked that new cadet's name, from somewhere up in the clouds there drifted down the reply, "Thornton, H. L., sir." Three years later it was "H. L. Thornton—Loans," and first and second classmen streamed to 111 to consult the jolly old Shylock about a little ready cash on next month's pay check. Heber accommodated them all and earned the reputation of being about the nicest capitalist in barracks.

While Heber's military abilities were never recognized by the authorities, he proved them to his Brother Rats many times by ably filling in vacant lieutenancies. In Liberal Arts Heber discovered himself and showed his ability to digest anything from Kant to Shakespeare.

With one of the best-natured and best-liked of its Brother Rats '39 parts with regret and wishes him all the success to which his abilities and character point.



Edmund Jackson Tice

"Jack" Roanoke, Virginia

Civil Engineering

Field Artillery

Private (4); Roanoke Club (4, 3, 2, 1); Corporal (3); Sergeant (2); A. S. C. E. (2, 1); Manager, Football (2); Field Artillery R. O. T. C., Outstanding Camper (2); Honor Court (1); General Committee (1); Lieutenant (1).

One can't help admiring Jack Tice. About him there is the air of authority that is the mark of a leader, yet this power is in no way derived from a sense of his own mental and moral superiority but rather from the opinion, respect, and esteem of his fellow cadets. Everyone of his classmates knows that behind Jack's friendly smile there lies a sincerity and genuineness that is beyond duplication. His positions on the Honor Court and General Committee are true indications of the influence of his character. "Zamski," as Tice came to be known after a certain disastrous haircut in Washington, has been prominent also in the field of athletics. He was the stellar player in the interbattalion football games, is on the Athletic Council, and was manager of the football team. At Fort Hoyle, Tice and Rubira were the owners of that mechanically propelled avalanche, "the Load." While there, he was awarded a medal for being the "Outstanding Camper at Fort Hoyle." This Roanoke boy has been a corporal, a sergeant, and a second lieutenant. Jack Tice's record in enviable!

William Albert Tidwell, Jr.

"Bill" — Indianapolis, Indiana

Liberal Arts

Infantry

Rifle Team (4, 3, 2, 1); Fencing Team (4, 3); Private (4); Corporal (3); Sergeant (2); Academic Stars (2, 1); Lieutenant (1); Expert Small Bore; Rifle Sharpshooter; Pistol Marksman.

Bill arrived at the Institute a corn-fed Indiana lad, yet a boy with ideas and a real purpose in life. Even at the knee-high-to-a-beer-bottle stage he was already conducting the troop movement of his toy soldiers, and thus with the repetition of history and due passage of time (to say nothing of a lot of conscientious effort and a fine exhibition of talent and efficiency) the Tid sports an adjutant's chevrons, loudly oversees guard mounts, and looks out for the fortunes of the first battalion in general—all this in addition to a turn at fencing and the rifle team, and periodic visitations to the "Briar Patch."

Academically, "Shakespeare II" didn't really find himself until his second class year, but since that time he has been one of L. A.'s ace performers. Ask him anything from *Hamlet* to the *Sonnets*. He not only thinks, he knows, and will probably quote you a few lines for good measure. For recreation he frequently "wows" the faculty with his poetry. Yet far from being a drudge he has written many a chapter in that tour-riddled volume, "Privates' Lives." 'Member those columns, Bill?



Preston Fletcher Tinsley, Jr.

"Pres" — Richmond, Virginia

Chemistry

Cavalry

Private (4, 3, 2, 1); Boxing (4); Richmond Club (4, 3, 2, 1); O. G.'s Association (1); Administrator of Propaganda, Barbary Coast (1).

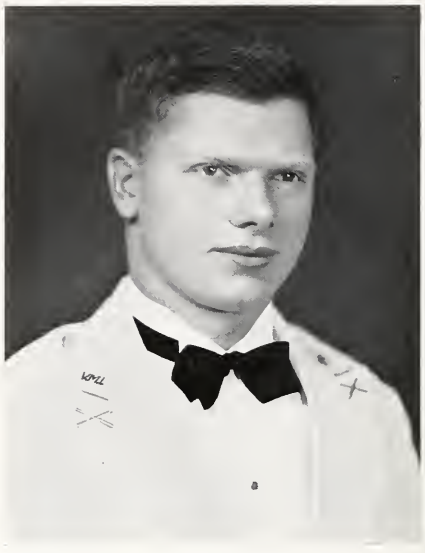
"Pres" came to V. M. I. from Richmond four years ago with the intention of making a name for himself. He has succeeded admirably in spite of several rather severe setbacks, and has overcome all of them with a spirit which is characteristic of him.

While not a brilliant student, "Doc" has always managed to make both academic ends meet without making himself a drudge. The corps lost a military genius when "Mac" decided, at the end of his Rat year to cast his lot along with the grossest of the gross. He has remained a private for four years, being always "one of the boys." In any barracks bull session, "Mac's" adventures with Willie's nags will always prove very entertaining.

All good things must come to an end, Preston, and so it is with our brief acquaintance. Here's hoping that you'll find the right "berg" some day, and until you do, stay in there fighting.







Nelson Whitney Tobey

"Starch" Hampton, New Hampshire

Chemistry

Field Artillery

Yankee Club (4, 3, 2, 1); Private (4, 2, 1); Corporal (3); V. A. S. (2, 1), Editorial Staff, Bomb (1).

Quiet, reserved, and keen witted is Nel. Seeking military training along with academic work, he left the seashore of New Hampshire to study chemistry at V. M. I. Having attained the rank of corporal his third class year, he centered his interests around academic work the remainder of his cadetship. Though unadorned by stars his reputation was established early, for frequently was the query, "Say, 'Starch,' will you help me with this problem?" And "Starch" was always willing to put down what he was doing and lend a helping hand.

To hear him talk, one is soon convinced that New Hampshire is God's country. And to keep him posted on the home town there was always that letter a day from "her."

As a research chemist, Nel intends to work for his father in the dyestuffs industry. With this in mind, all of his academic efforts have been concentrated toward this end. Knowing Nel's aptitude as we do, there is no question in our minds as to his success in the future.

Andrew Joseph Trzeciak

"Andy" "Speed" New Kensington, Pennsylvania

Civil Engineering

Field Artillery

Football (4, 3, 2, 1); Basketball (4, 3, 2, 1); Baseball (4, 3, 2, 1); All-State Football Team (4, 3, 2, 1); Private (4, 1); Corporal (3); Southern Conference, Third Team (3, 2, 1); Captain, State Team (4, 3); Treasurer, Yankee Club (3, 2); Monogram Club (3, 2, 1); Sergeant (2); Captain, Football (1); Southern Conference Blocking Trophy (1); O. G.'s Association (1).

The space allotted is much too small to do any kind of justice to Andy Trzeciak. The sports pages for the past few years have not been able to do it, so it seems too great a task to be accomplished here.

We all know of Andy's athletic achievements, but there is one notable thing about him both in sports and in all phases of life, and that is that he comes through when it is most important to come through. In other words, Andy is dependable. For four years he has been the field general of the "Fighting Squadron," and he was elected by his teammates to captain the 1938 team. This he did exceedingly well, as evidenced by the record which the team has made.

Andy is a team man on the field, in barracks, and in all phases of his life, never seeking the honors for himself but always helping others to achieve them. In this respect we might well use Andy as an example of how to live with our fellow men.

We do not know exactly what Andy's plans for the future are, but we know that wherever we find him we will find also the real "spirit of V. M. I."

Robert James Tucker, Jr.

"Jimmy" — Franklin, Virginia

Electrical Engineering

Field Artillery

Private (4, 1), Rifle Team (4); Cross-Country (4); Track (4); Intramurals (4, 3, 2, 1); Corporal (3); Sergeant (2); Business Staff, *The Cadet* (2); Assistant Manager, Baseball (2); A. I. E. E. (2, 1); Academic Stars (2, 1); Manager, Rat Baseball (1); Advertising Manager, *The Cadet* (1); O. D.'s Association (1).

Franklin has given V. M. I. many outstanding men, in the past and the present, and Jimmy belongs with the best that we have seen. "Cheerful" epitomizes Jimmy's outlook on life, both barracks and social, for, though a star man, he has never let his work interfere with hops, trips to Macon, and all the other activities that go to make a cadet's life worth living.

Qualities of leadership were never lacking in Jimmy's make-up, as his list of achievements attest. For "D" Company he participated in practically every form of intramurals, excelling particularly in handball and baseball. Rating high academically during his first two years, he easily earned stars during his last two in one of V. M. I.'s toughest courses, Electrical Engineering.

For three years Jimmy eschewed all vices, but in his first class year he went wild, once being seen staggering to his room after spending the earlier part of the night drinking milkshakes in the PE, vociferously condemning his weakness of character. It is rumored that once someone saw Roger Beale and Jimmy playing Black Jack for matches at 11:30 at night. Good luck, Jimmy, curb those passions!

Andrew Morris Turner

"Am" — Roanoke, Virginia

Civil Engineering

Field Artillery

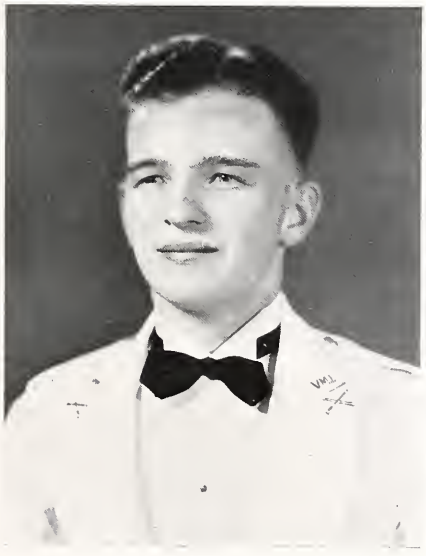
Private (4, 1); Academic Stars (3, 2, 1); Roanoke Club (4, 3, 2, 1); Corporal (3); Sergeant (2); A. S. C. E. (2, 1); Secretary, A. S. C. E. (2); President, A. S. C. E. (1); O. G.'s Association (1).

From the serene city of Roanoke there came on the ninth of September in thirty-five one new cadet by name A. M. Turner. "Am" soon became acclimated to life at V. M. I., and proceeded on his jaunt through the labyrinth of academic and military duties. In addition to the prescribed duties of the Institute, "Am" has found time to participate in the various activities outside the ordinary requirements.

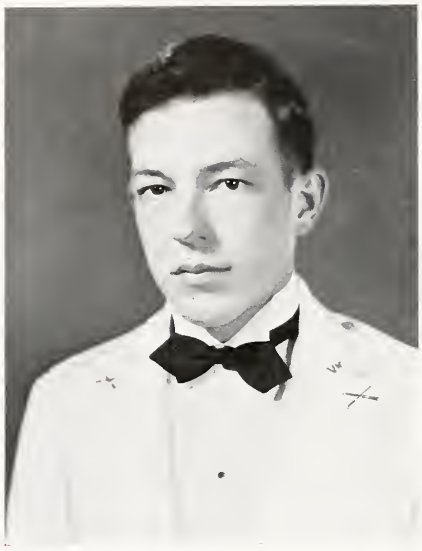
The military life of the "Am-Cat" was not neglected, as he was both a corporal and a sergeant, and during his first class year an O. G. In addition, he enjoyed the privileges of a private at several times during his cadetship.

"Am" selected Civil Engineering for his career, and became the mainstay of the entire Civil Department, especially his own "C-4" section.

His outstanding intellectual ability and fineness of character will unquestionably create for "Am" a position of honor and respect in all of his future enterprises.







Gordon White Van Hoose, Jr.

"Hoose" — Shreveport, Louisiana

Civil Engineering

Field Artillery

Private (4, 3, 2, 1); Wrestling (4, 3, 1); Secret Eight (3, 2, 1); President, Louisiana Club (2); A. S. C. E. (2, 1); O. G.'s Association (1); Monogram Club (1).

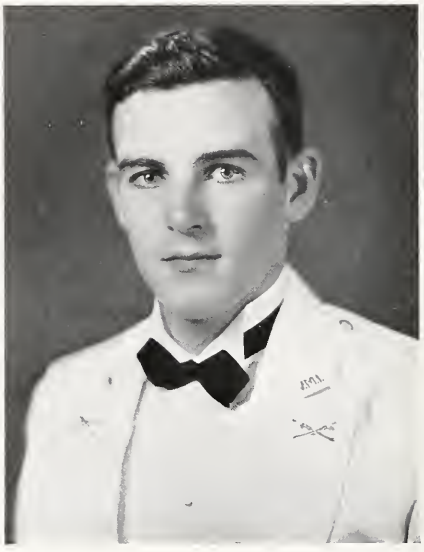
A casual glance at a list of Gordon's accomplishments at V. M. I. might not be impressive, but that doesn't tell the real story. In the final analysis it isn't what one has done, but the way in which he has done it that counts. By this standard, Hoose has more than succeeded in his life at the Institute.

As a Civil Engineer, Gordon has stood near the top of his class, showing a real interest in his course. As a soldier he has been the dream of every first sergeant, a really running first class private.

A member of the wrestling squad for four years, Gordon has demonstrated both courage and ability, and during his first class year he has been one of the mainstays of the team.

Hoose is a loyal son of the state of the Mardi Gras and takes a great pride in it. We know that Hoose has given something to '39, to himself, and to the true South.

It is not for tangible qualities that we shall remember Hoose; rather, we shall think of him as a sincere friend and a true Brother Rat.



William Benjamin Verell

"Billy" "Beep" — Newport News, Virginia

Civil Engineering

Cavalry

Private (4 3, 1); Tennis (3, 2, 1); Sergeant (2); Commandant's Clerk (1); Monogram Club (1); Captain, Tennis (1).

In William Benjamin Verell we have a man who made a distinguished place for himself in V. M. I. life without championing his own ability. Billy is captain of the tennis team. He received his monogram at the end of his first year of varsity competition. For three years he has played a corking good game. Without doubt, he is one of the best tennis players barracks has ever produced.

"Beep" took over the job of Commandant's Clerk his first class year, realizing the exacting work it would call for, and he has indeed performed his duty both competently and skillfully.

In the past, men taking this job have often lost the intimate contact with their company and class that is so necessary for the growth of Brother Rat and V. M. I. spirit. Billy, however, has remained "one of the boys," and, as a result, he has a host of friends.

This man has got what it takes to be successful in life—a quiet, unassuming manner under which there lies a dominant and forceful personality. Billy Verell holds all the high cards!

George Brent Vivian

"Joe" "Viv" — Nitro, West Virginia

Chemistry

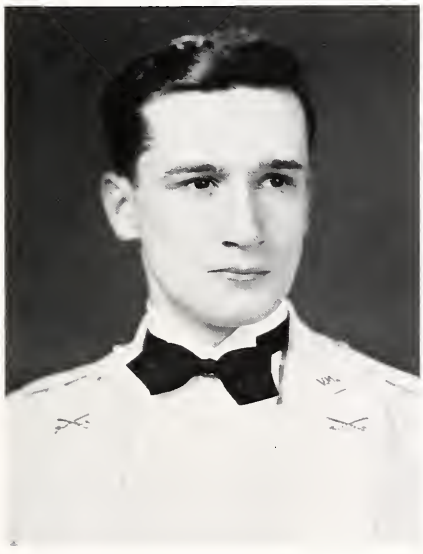
Cavalry

Private (4, 3, 2); V. A. S. (2, 1); Second Class Show (2); Presbyterian Club (1); Lieutenant (1).

One day a Rat was asked, "Mr., where is that man from?" "West Virginia, sir!" was the reply. The Rat was right, Brent came over the hills from West Virginia following in the footsteps of his brother, to see for himself what V. M. I. had to offer. Friendly and affable, he soon won a place in the regard of his Brother Rats and no real barracks bull session was complete 'til Brent had put in his appearance. The stories and lore of his native state were inexhaustible, although sometimes strongly suggestive of a fertile imagination.

During his first three years everything seemed to indicate that Brent would end his military career without having chevrons sewn on his sleeves; however, when make-overs rolled around in '39, he was made a lieutenant in "A" Company.

Vivian joined the ranks of the chemists and took a high stand in this course. Experiments performed in an attempted production of rayon should forever be listed among the classics of term problems for few indeed embrace such originality.



Norman Clark Wait

"North" — Sturgis, Michigan

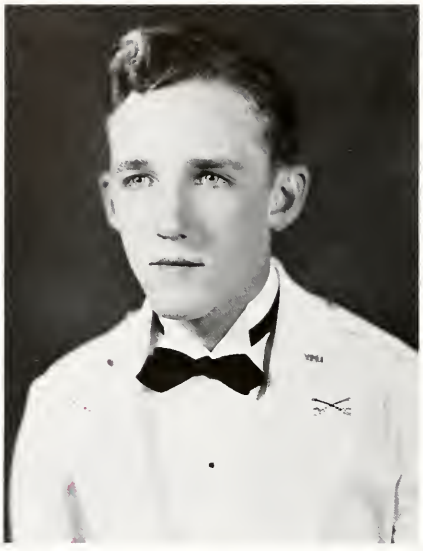
Civil Engineering

Infantry

Private (4, 2, 1); Corporal (3); A. S. C. E. (2, 1); O. G.'s Association (1).

Shades of Antisthenes! Meet the Barracks Cynic! The first we heard of the diminutive infantryman our Rat year was when the word came around: "It *must* be good—even Wait likes it!" And for four years, "North's" recommendation of anything made it *ipso facto* proficient. One of "Ma's" boys, and a frequenter of Mr. Goodbar's emporium, "North" seldom could be found around barracks on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons. Yet he seemed to find time for his C. E., for several times he was perilously close to academic distinction ("Certy I'd have made the Honor Roll if it wasn't for drawing.") By virtue of rooming with the Emir, he was appointed executive officer of the Barbary Coast, his qualifications for the job being marred only by corporal's chevrons that decorated his sleeves our third class year. Being a lover of good music, a good bridge fourth, with the ability to suppress a shudder when confronted by a "family size" made his company desirable by any and all, and his acquaintance is one of the many connection we sorrow to break at finals.





Norvell McVeigh Walker

"Morbloom" — Lynchburg, Virginia

Civil Engineering

Cavalry

Private (4, 1); Lynchburg Club (4, 3, 2, 1); Track (4, 3); Corporal (3); Sergeant (2); Assistant Manager, Track (2); A. S. C. E. (2, 1); Assistant Manager Football (2); Manager, Rat Track (1); Manager, Rat Cross-Country (1).

Following in the footsteps of a brother who graduated in the class of '28, Norvell came to V. M. I. prepared to emulate him, and he has participated in as many activities as he has had time for in a brief four years. Studies, extra-curricular activities, athletics, military positions, and just plain fun have occupied his waking hours, and the rest he has managed to devote very thoroughly to sleep.

After running on the track team for his first two years he took over managerial duties, rising from assistant manager of track his second class year, he managed both the Rat track and Rat cross-country teams in his last year.

Camp proved to be one of the outstanding experiences in Norvell's life, and here he acquired the name Morbloom, which was the appellation of a horse to which Norvell occupied the paradoxical position of being figuratively attached but literally unattached. Hold tight, Morbloom.



Henry Louis Wehrle, Jr.

"H. L" — Charleston, West Virginia

Liberal Arts

Infantry

Private (4, 3, 2, 1); I. A. L. A. (2, 1); Company Clerk (1).

A true Liberal Artist if there ever was one, genuinely fond of good books, good music, and the aesthetic things of the world, Louie has given much to V. M. I., has enjoyed it, and has got his share out of it. He is a faithful movie goer, and is a real critic of the screen. If I have created the impression that Louie lacks energy, that is false. On the contrary, he reads avidly, writes prodigously, and converses vociferously. He is a natural wit and uses it extensively. In short, he is a S. I. of the first order.

During our first class year when the *Lectern* was formed, we needed a constitution. Wehrle was the man who so capably wrote it. Immediately after that he was elected vice-president of the club in which he has served efficiently and charmingly.

Louie has a host of friends who hope to see him some day as a noted lawyer and who wish him always the appreciative audience that his ability as a formal and informal speaker deserves.

Oscar Henry West, Jr.

"Westy" — Richmond, Virginia

Liberal Arts

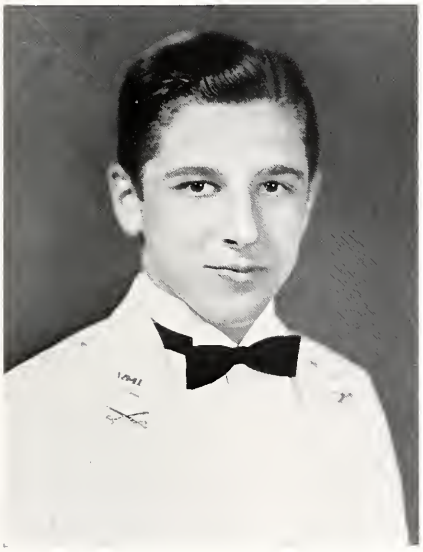
Cavalry

Pistol Team (4, 3, 2, 1); Private (4); Corporal (3); Sergeant (2); Wrestling Team (2, 1); Business Staff, *The Cadet* (2); Assistant Manager, Football (2); Richmond Club (2, 1); Captain, Pistol Team (1); Horse Show Team (1); I. A. L. A. (2, 1); Business Staff, Bomb (1); Lieutenant (1); Intramurals (4, 3, 2, 1).

The psychologists tell us that the most desirable personality is one which hits the happy medium between introversion and extroversion. Such personalities are indeed rare, but from our midst we have an impressive example in Oscar West. His concern for his own welfare is sufficient to drive him to the realization of every notion which he decides will be to his advantage; his intense interest in many extra-curricular activities remains as proof of the other, the extroverted, side of his personality. Note his fine horsemanship, look at his record on the pistol team, watch him command his platoon at drill, and you have tangible evidence of his prowess.

And when speaking of Oscar, one cannot fail to comment upon the spell which he inevitably casts over those girls who have had the pleasure of receiving his attentions.

It is difficult to realize that an intimacy of four years' standing has come to a close.



George Grattan Weston

"G. G." — Staunton, Virginia

Chemistry

Cavalry

Private (4, 3, 2, 1); Intramurals (4, 3, 2, 1); Glee Club (2); Episcopal Club (2); Hunt Club (2, 1); V. A. S. (2, 1); Episcopal Choir (1); Keeper of Royal Goat, Barbary Coast (1).

"Weston, G. G., sir, Staunton, Va., sir." Our Rat year George proved his sterling friendship on more than one occasion, and he was often heard to say, "Come on home with me Sunday—I'll get you a date with the prettiest girl you ever saw." George will always be remembered for his sympathetic understanding and his willingness to share the other fellow's headaches and heartaches. He was one person who really seemed to understand the true Brother Rat spirit.

We always noticed that when a tough break came his way he accepted it with little or no complaint. When stormy conflicts arose in barracks, duly constituted authorities versus the hell-raising cadet spirit, George was always found staunchly upholding the cadet traditions. Well, G. G., we can only say, that with that mixture of will to work, tempered with the ability to play which is your philosophy now, you can't lose.





GEORGE MAJOR WHITE

"G. M." EDENTON, NORTH CAROLINA

Civil Engineering

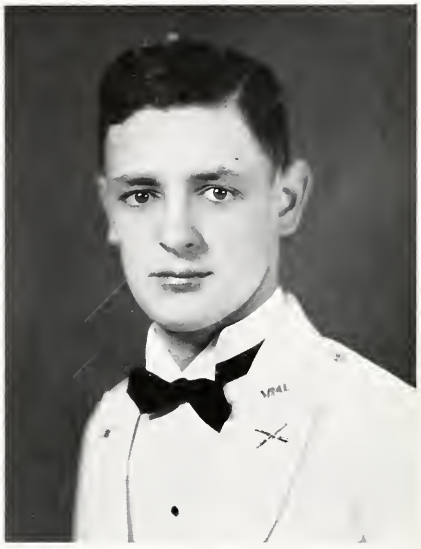
Cavalry

Private (4, 1); Fencing (4, 3, 2); Intramurals (4, 3, 2, 1); North Carolina Club (4, 3, 2, 1); Corporal (3); Sergeant (2); Editorial Staff, *The Cadet* (2); Second Class Show (2); A. S. C. E. (2, 1); Horse Show Team (1); Hunt Club (1); O. G.'s Association (1).

"It's a Yankee lie, suh, the South won!" And the tactical genius of Company "C" will be off again on Bull Run, Chancellorsville, and the Valley Campaign. A son of the Old South, and "hailing" from "No'th C'lina," George came to V. M. I. with the class of '38, but for "acamedic reasons" was taken into the fold of '39.

A gentleman of the old school, and possessed of a personality and amiability rare in this modern age, George lives by a code of ethics maintained against any and all. Because of this, George is best understood by his friends, of which there are many.

Though not academically inclined, George has fought his way gamely through math, materials, and the C. E. Department in general. Military to the "nth degree," George has worn his share of chevrons, and received his quota of "recs." Yes, the military is George's inclination. A horseman, he was born for the cavalry, and is headed for the Army and horses . . . where a gentleman belongs.



WILLIAM EDMUND WILKINS, II

"Billy" CAPE CHARLES, VIRGINIA

Chemistry

Field Artillery

Private (4, 2, 1); Corporal (3); Assistant Manager, Swimming (2); Assistant Manager, Baseball (2); V. A. S. (2, 1); O. G.'s Association (1).

Up from Cape Charles came Powerhouse Billy Wilkins to show the brothers of '39 something about handling women. According to Billy the first rule to be observed is that of punctuality, whether *she* is ready or not, and for four years he has been noted for being ready on the dot, if not a little while before. Nothing we could do ever seemed to help us, but apparently Billy's system works for him, for the good-looking blondes and brunettes which have appeared on his arm at every set of hops attest to his success. As a matter of fact, during his first class year he was even known to beat a Mink's time, for which he received the congratulations of the entire corps.

Between his social activities Billy has sandwiched some very active academic and extra-curricular work, attaining the position of assistant manager in both swimming and baseball. Despite these other activities he has managed to keep his end up in one of V. M. I.'s toughest courses, chemistry. If you can manage the women, Billy, you can do anything.

James McLester Witt

"Alabama Jimmy" — Birmingham, Alabama

Chemistry

Infantry

Private (4, 3, 2, 1); Wrestling (4, 3, 2, 1); Football (4, 3, 2); Monogram Club (3, 2, 1).

Jimmy, "I'm from Birmingham," did not join our class until our last year, but it took less than a week for him to be known by all and considered a true Brother Rat.

Shortly after he entered V. M. I., it was the general opinion that this Alabama boy would never finish—he was of the same opinion. There was seldom a G. C. meeting, penalty tour, or extra drill to which Jimmy did not go, in fact he was often captain of the extra drill detail.

Jimmy's misbehaviors occurred during his first three years here, but this year he has been an entirely different person. He studied hard and consistently, and although he didn't make the best grades in the class he compensated for it by having that extra bit of common sense. Jimmy is one of the best wrestlers the Institute has ever had, and should be commended for his victories on the mat. His second class year he tied for the Southern Conference championship; this year he was a Southern Conference champion. So long, Jimmy, and Lebe Wohl!



William Francis Wolcott, Jr.

"Billy" — Asheville, North Carolina

Civil Engineering

Field Artillery

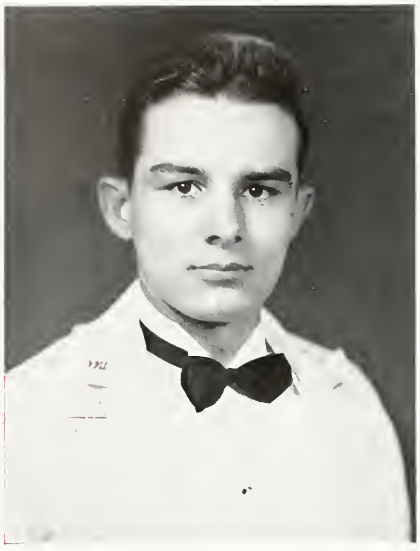
Private (4, 3, 2, 1); Swimming (3); Assistant Manager Swimming (2); Business Staff, *The Cadet* (2); A. S. C. E. (2, 1), O. C. Association (1); Staff Secretary, *The Cadet* (1); Manager Swimming (1); President North Carolina Club (1).

When Willie Wolcott stepped into V. M. I. he was already well versed in the ways of the world and its complications, and before he stepped out with his diploma he met a few others, for V. M. I. gave him as many tough breaks as possible. But they couldn't down his irrepressible good spirits or his conviction that he could take all and more than V. M. I. had to offer.

With his Dip Billy takes the memory of Brother Rats who found him one of the best. An authority on women and OCMNI's, he rarely found himself unable to coordinate them. To the swimming team he donated his aquatic abilities and finally served in the capacity of manager in his first class year. A Civil Engineer from the start, Billy found himself when he finally entered that course, and he came through with the highest kind of flying colors.

We have enjoyed our close friendship with Billy these past four years, and we hope that for many of us it will not end with graduation.





JOHN CLIFFORD WOOD, JR.

"Jack" WEST HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

Liberal Arts

Field Artillery

Private (4, 3, 2, 1); Yankee Club (4, 3, 2, 1); Intramurals (4, 3, 2, 1); Basketball (4); Fencing (3); Riding Club (1).

Jack Wood came a long distance to be a Keydet. We believe that he does not regret it, certainly we do not. Jack has gotten much from V. M. I., but he has also found an O. A. O. outside the Limits Gates. His faithfulness in this affair is nothing short of astounding, and we wish to congratulate him.

At the end of his third class year Jack decided that his was to be the life of a Liberal Artist. Here he has taken things in his stride and at the same time made a place for himself. He has been an "F" Company artilleryman, and has added materially to that company's high position in the corps, particularly by his continuous participation in intramurals.

Jack gets a real kick out of riding, and much of his time is spent in this pursuit, usually not alone.

Don't take the leap too soon, Jack, it's dangerous. But if you do, the brothers of '39 will be looking out for you.



JAMES MARVIN WOOLF

"Mag" WASHINGTON, D. C.

Civil Engineering

Cavalry

Private (4, 3, 2, 1); Ambassador Club (4, 3, 2, 1); Intramurals (4, 3, 2, 1); A. S. C. E. (2, 1); O. G.'s Association (1).

On that day in September, 1935, when fate drew us of the class of 1939 together as Brother Rats, there came from Washington, D. C., our classmate Marvin.

From that time on Marvin entered into the spirit of things, and has continued in that same way through these four years. While neither a Napoleon nor a Stonewall Jackson, he has taken his place in the other activities of V. M. I. Whenever one wants to know anything about orchestras, music, or bridge, Marvin knows the answer. Women also fall before his charm, and he is well known at many of the neighboring girls' schools.

Having cast his talents with the Civil boys, he is destined to go far in this work. While intensely interested in Civil Engineering, he is also extremely fond of banking, and none of us would be surprised to see either a banker or an engineer emerge in the next few years. Good luck, Brother Rat, and may the rest of your life be as pleasant as ours has been with you these past few years.

Tyree Lawson Wright

"Egg" South Boston, Virginia

Chemistry

Field Artillery

Private (4, 3, 2, 1); V. A. S. (2, 1); O. G.'s Association (1).

From the famous tobacco country of South Boston came Tyree Lawson Wright. The assembled brothers of '39 took one look at this last product of famous V. M. I. country and decided unanimously that the only right and fitting appellation for a human of Tyree's conformation was Egghead, and Egghead it has been since that time. After recognizing the true comradely spirit in the small artilleryman they decided he needed a nickname and he received the dubious honor of having his name shortened to Egg.

Egg was never one to be backward, and he soon showed his prowess at various forms of intramurals, excelling particularly in basketball, for his form while sinking one from the middle of the floor was something to be envied.

The octopussian Chemistry Department stretched its tenacles toward Tyree at the end of his third class year and he succumbed, but turned the tables by coming through with flying colors. If you go back to God's country, Egg, tell them they sent another swell boy and Brother Rat to V. M. I.



Gawk Yee

"Gyro" Johnstown, Pennsylvania

Civil Engineering

Field Artillery

Private (4, 3, 2, 1); Academic Stars (3); Treasurer, A. S. C. E. (3); A. S. C. E. (2, 1).

When Gawk arrived at V. M. I. on that memorable morning of September 9, 1935, he had a purpose in view. This purpose has never wavered in the four years that have elapsed since that September morning. Gawk's record has resulted from that resoluteness of character; he has consistently been one of the leading students in the class of 1939. But his activities were not limited to his studies alone, and he soon found himself the elected secretary of the cadet chapter of the A. S. C. E.

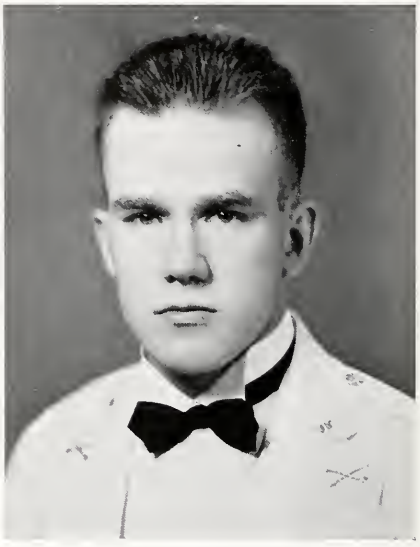
Through his never-failing friendliness, his ever-prevailing good humor, and his continued hard work through these four years, Gawk has gained the admiration and friendship not only of his classmates but of the whole corps.

Yee has taken to the athletes for roommates, and we understand that he has loaned a helping hand to those Brother Rats whose task is made harder by the extra duty which a career on the gridiron calls for.

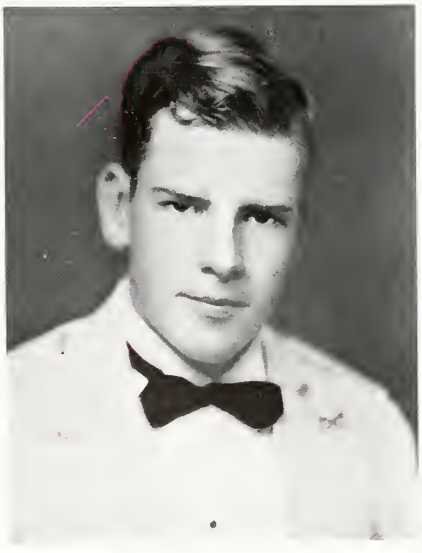
Good luck, Gawk! We know you'll make the grade in anything you do and in grand style.



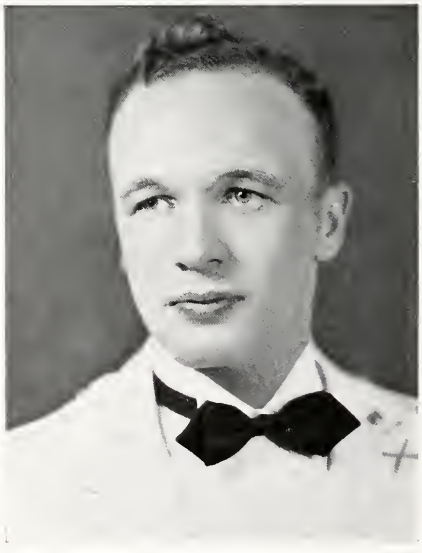
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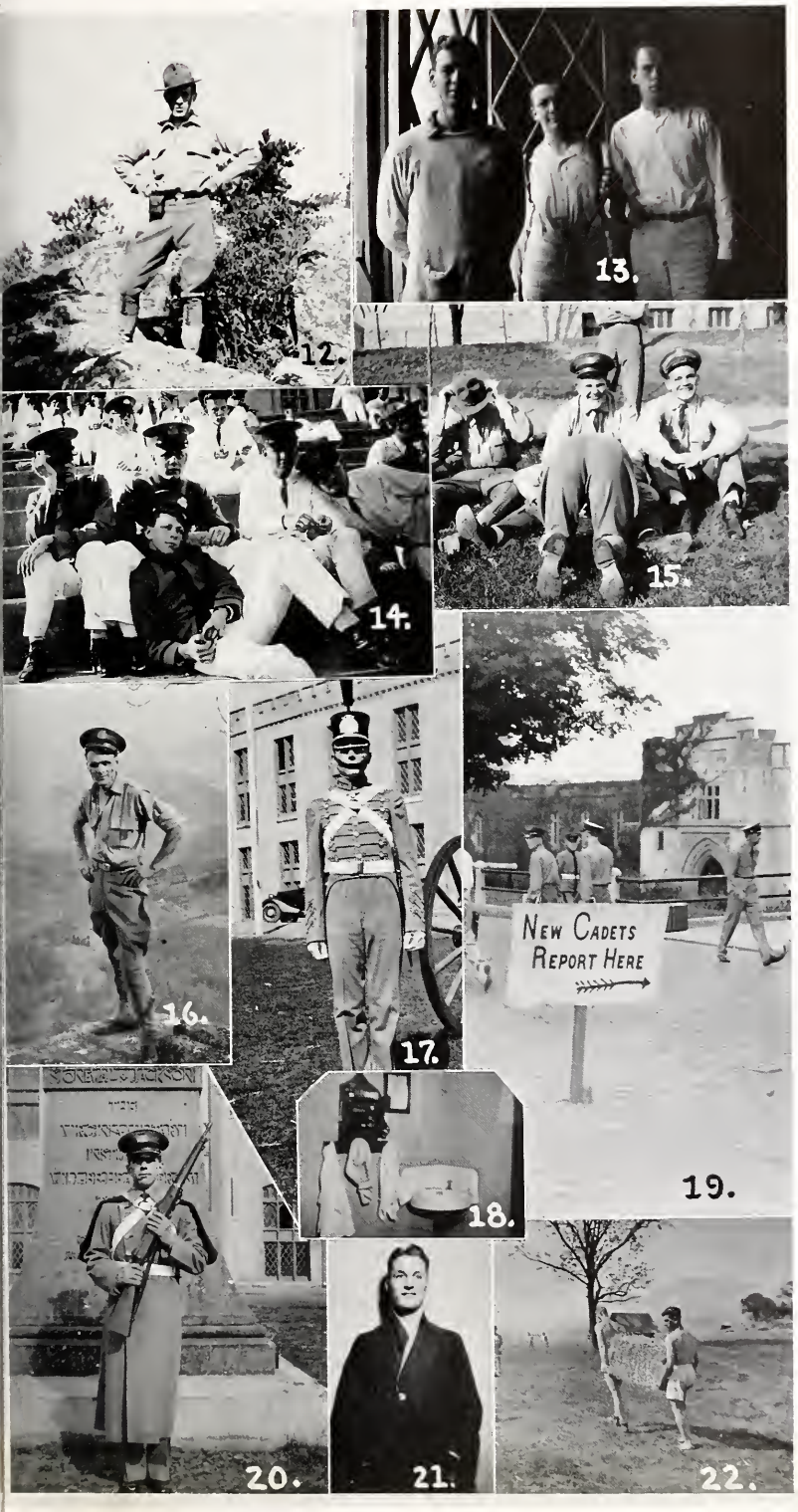

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1. Rest period. . . . 2. Who's visiting in here? . . . 3. "Lightning" poses. . . . 4. He hasn't changed *much*. . . . 5. Back to nature. . . . 6. Monday morning. . . . 7. Three of a kind. . . . 8. Misto Hastings. . . . 9. Joe Ross himself—remember? . . . 10. Tickled pink. . . . 11. Pre-chevron days. . . . 12. "Ghost" on the mountain. . . . 13. Roommates. . . . 14. Lazy weather. . . . 15. Guess who. . . . 16. Don't fall off, Vawter. . . . 17. Fin out for the cameraman, Bill. . . . 18. Simple furnishings. . . . 19. Ugh! . . . 20. Pretty running, wasn't he? . . . 21. Not sick are you Ace? . . . 22. Preparing for the hay.

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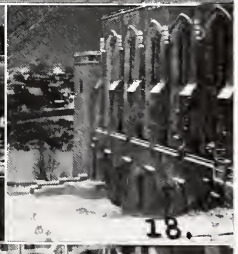
















1. Gay enough *before* the battle. . . . 2. A tribute to the war dead. . . . 3. Pals. . . . 4. Why the reverence, Chiles? . . . 5. Silhouette. . . . 6. What's so hilarious, Frank? . . . 7. Victory—one casualty. . . . 8. He plans to be a Liberal Artist. . . . 9. Proud of 'em, aren't you Aisley? . . . 10. A melluva hess, but it was worth it. . . . 11. Think you can stand the work, fellas? . . . 12. Construction. . . . 13. Good job, two per centers. . . . 14. A rare treat. . . . 15. Wait a minute, you guys belong on page 126. . . . 16. Tony's swingsters. . . . 17. Pinky's health center. . . . 18. Nocturnal scene. . . . 19. Quoth the crow, "No, thanks." . . . 20. After-church gathering.

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1. Soldiers, leaders, gentlemen, friends. . . . 2. Swing it, Jimmy! . . . 3. Christmas decorations. . . . 4. Old cadets now, butt—! . . . 5. Anna Valeska, Horace Pengard, and the Pirate Crew. . . . 6. L. to R.: Brand, Mathews, Johnson, Irving. . . . 7. Jackson watches the cameras roll. . . . 8. It won't be long now. . . . 9. We're big shots now. . . . 10. Jimmy Bailey as Captain Applejack. . . . 11. Bishop's battery. . . . 12. You haven't forgotten Minnie, have you? . . . 13. You guess. . . . 14. Double quartette. . . . 15. Come on, nag, move over. . . . 16. A unique strip tease. . . . 17. Mounted pistol at Belvoir. . . . 18. Marvin takes aim. . . . 19. Engine trouble? . . . 20. The Infantry campers. . . . 21. Hey, go 'way and let me sleep, willya! . . . 22. Not looking their best. . . . 23. Gosh, we're photogenic! . . . 24. Back from the rifle range. . . . 25. Screwballs. . . . 26. Tank inspection. . . . 27. Finals guard. . . . 28. Hey, what's coming off? . . . 29. Finishing touches. . . . 30. the Load loaded.

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1. Who done it? (See 6 below for answer.) . . . 2. Just a friendly exchange. . . . 3. Jack Love and his charges. . . . 4. Going up! . . . 5. V. M. I. menagerie. . . . 6. The guilty ones—our own Painters Association. . . . 7. Mish practices for a speech—with gestures. . . . 8. A faithful friend. . . . 9. Pre-Taps trifling. . . . 10. Annual O. G. banquet. . . . 11. Answer to your names. . . . 12. Slaughter sleeps. . . . 13. Under Brand's able tutelage. . . . 14. Hamnose. . . . 15. The first Rat sentinel. . . . 16. The book looks good anyway, Heber. . . . 17. "And now we're drinking rain." . . . 18. All our dogs are lazy. . . . 19. Mrs. Morris and Wayne pay us a visit. . . . 20. It's not so funny, is it, Frenchy? . . . 21. The advantage of being a Liberal Artist. . . . 22. He wakes us up, he puts us to bed. . . . 23. Hastings shows 'em how. . . . 24. Twirling a mean lariat. . . . 25. "God bless our team and V. M. I."





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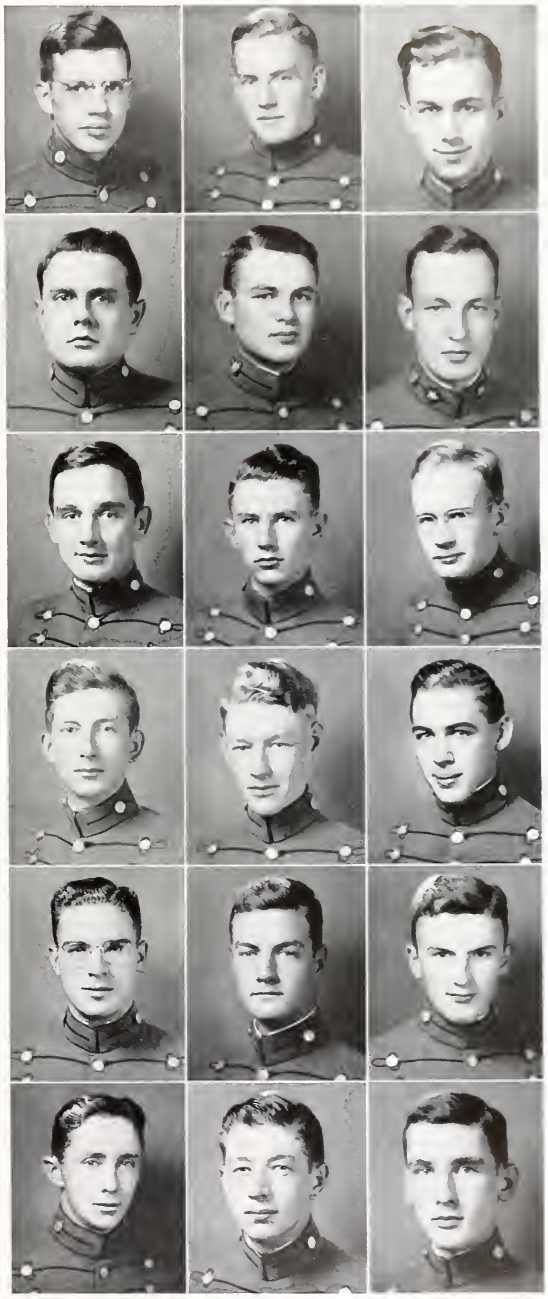
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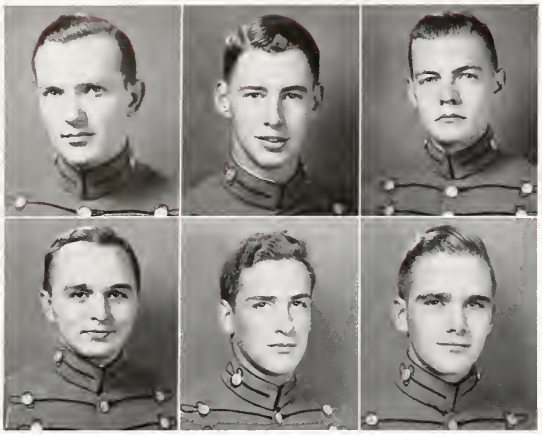
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HISTORY OF THE CLASS OF 1940

How long are three years? For a person who studies and records the history of the ages, it is an infinitesimal period. But for men as young as we are, who are interested only in our own individual histories and futures, three years is an interminable era. However, let us look back on the last three years as a group at V. M. I. Can any of us account for the fact that time has flown instead of crept? We do not cover history on a large scale, but we can look back on a period of character-building and a period in which we have absorbed knowledge and ideals that will help us to mold our lives and to assume our responsibilities at V. M. I. During our first class year we will seek to receive that final polish that will fit us for what we are to face in the future. We find ourselves now about to climb to the fourth rung in the ladder of our careers at V. M. I.

As a class we will have a great chance to distinguish ourselves throughout our first class year. Next year is V. M. I.'s centennial year, and we will be in the public eye. Therefore we will be responsible for setting a good example and for upholding the standards that will be passed on to us.

For three years we have been building up to the climax of being first classmen. We were together through a Rat year, a third class year and our second class year. The Rat year is more or less a haze, ended by a rapid and painful climb to the fourth stoop. After a summer furlough we greeted our Brother Rats, and as a class we went on from there. That year we were explosive, mischievous, and very good all-around trouble-makers. Finals again, and we were second classmen. Life took on a different aspect. Our brotherhood was a year older and we felt that year tremendously. We were finally a ranking class.

When we came back in the fall of 1938, we were prepared to quiet down and apply ourselves to the more important parts of our life at V. M. I. We had to work harder to get through, and we had to apply ourselves more to get what we wanted. We started planning and waiting for our Ring Figure, which is one of the most important events in the life of a cadet at V. M. I. At this Ring Figure we receive a ring and something else —something that will make the ring more valuable to us as the years go by, make it embody and symbolize our lives and thoughts at and about V. M. I.—a kiss!

We have now reached the end of a most successful second class year, and we have passed the greater amount of our trials and tribulations. We have lost some of our Brother Rats, but they will always remain with us in that capacity. We have been bound together by bonds forged from common misfortunes and joys. We have worked and relaxed, always together, for a time long enough to prove each man and to become Brother Rats in the true sense of the word. Now we are ready to assume our roles as leaders of the men who represent the only place in which experiences such as ours have been are possible.



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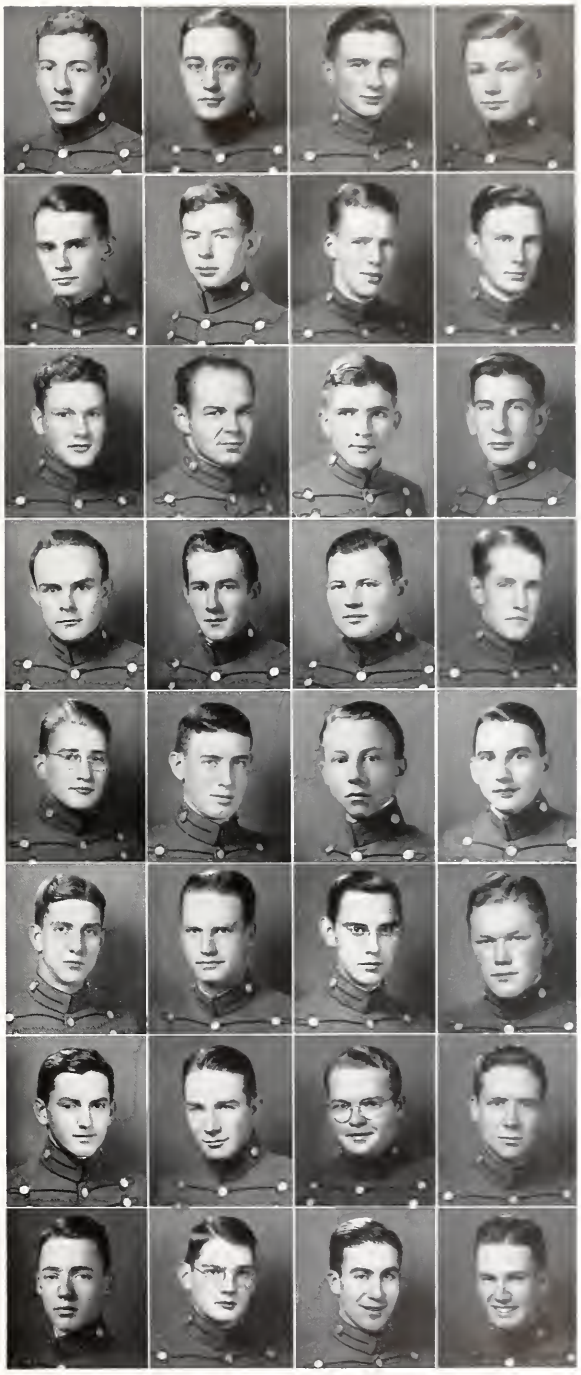
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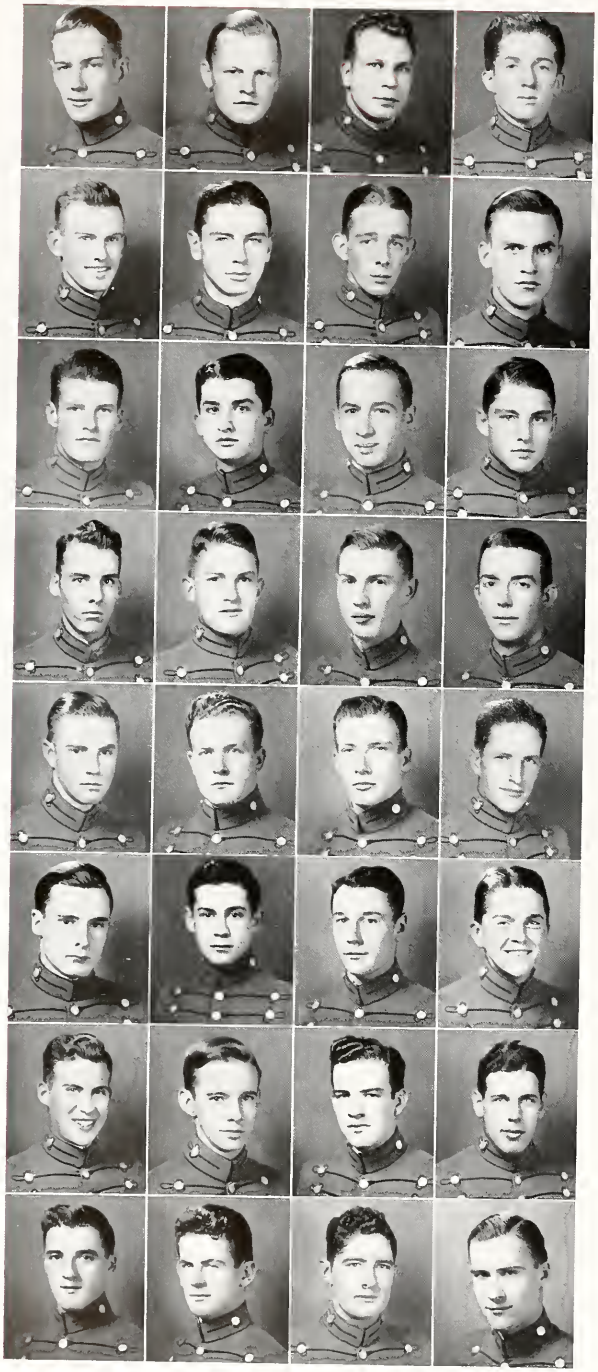
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THIRD CLASS HISTORY

Tradition seems to deem that every third class should be the disruptive factor in the peace of barracks. Ours was no exception. The long, enforced quietude of our Rathood had seen to that long before even we had realized it, and the brief respite of our first Finals had served but to light the fuse. The explosion was to follow!

Thus September rolled around again and saw the return of the brothers, some few missing, to try their hand at being old cadets. Which one of us will ever live to forget the wild happenings of those first few weeks with the incoming Rats, instigation of shirt-tail parades, fireworks, and the like? But the novelty of this soon wore off, and, faced with the Institute's most difficult academic year, we settled down to a more normal view of life in barracks. Strangely enough, those phases of V. M. I. life which we had so despised the year before suddenly took on new meaning, and from the start we became the most vigorous proponents of Rat regulations and third class "importance."

The fall of the year also brought new experiences along with the satisfaction of seeing our own classmates take an important part in all varsity athletic competition. Opening Hops and the world premiere of "Brother Rat" were followed by our first out-of-state corps trip to Charlotte, certainly the best ever. Thanksgiving again found us in Roanoke for the V. P. I. game, not so disappointing as our first, and the worst weather of our time here. The following night we were suddenly shocked with the realization that only one short year separated us from a long-awaited goal—Ring Figure—the final crown in the mold of every class. We felt a little older, a little closer.

Thanksgiving's snows faded into bleak December, which brought that unforgettable Christmas—then an eager expectation, now a glorious memory. With the holidays once behind us, we were faced with the hardest prospect of a cadet's life—that unbroken five and one-half months stretch 'til Finals. Perhaps it was to break this monotony, or maybe just because we were third classmen, that the familiar "Bomb in the Courtyard!" began to ring out, and we each had that strange satisfaction of knowing too much about it all.

The rest is history. Each one of us has his own version. Mid-year exams, basketball and wrestling, mid-winter hops, and plans for our ring had come and gone before we could realize it. Spring, with its long, warm days and green fields, once again brought track and baseball, government inspection, white ducks, spring hike, and finally V. M. I's greatest Finals, that marking its centennial.

Looking back now we cannot help but experience a somewhat mixed emotion—amusement, pride, and sadness. Behind us now lies the most carefree and unsettled year of our time at V. M. I.; behind us lie the deeds of our classmates to which we may unashamedly point with a feeling of satisfaction; but what is more, behind us lie the events and associations which have molded us into a class of which we are justly proud, the events and associations which have created a sense of brotherhood and friendship which can never be replaced. An invaluable heritage has been ours, a heritage of which we have tried to make the most to prepare us for the greater trials and responsibilities which lie ahead. Thus it is that we end our third class year—a little older, a little wiser, and looking forward.

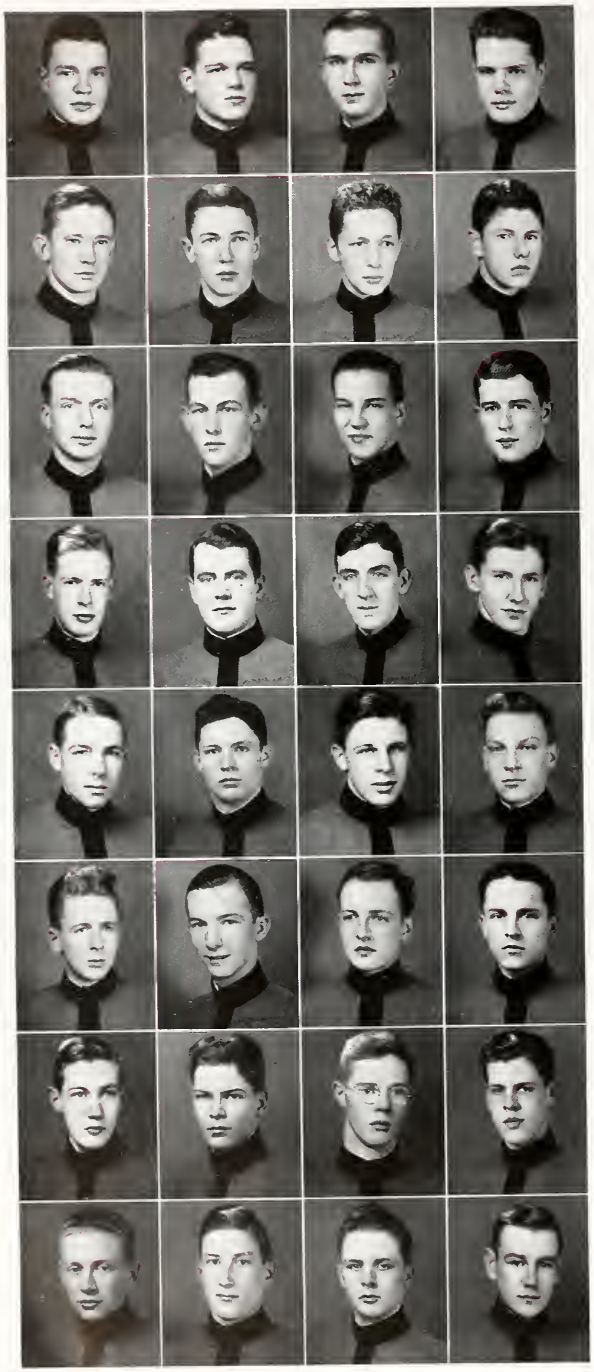


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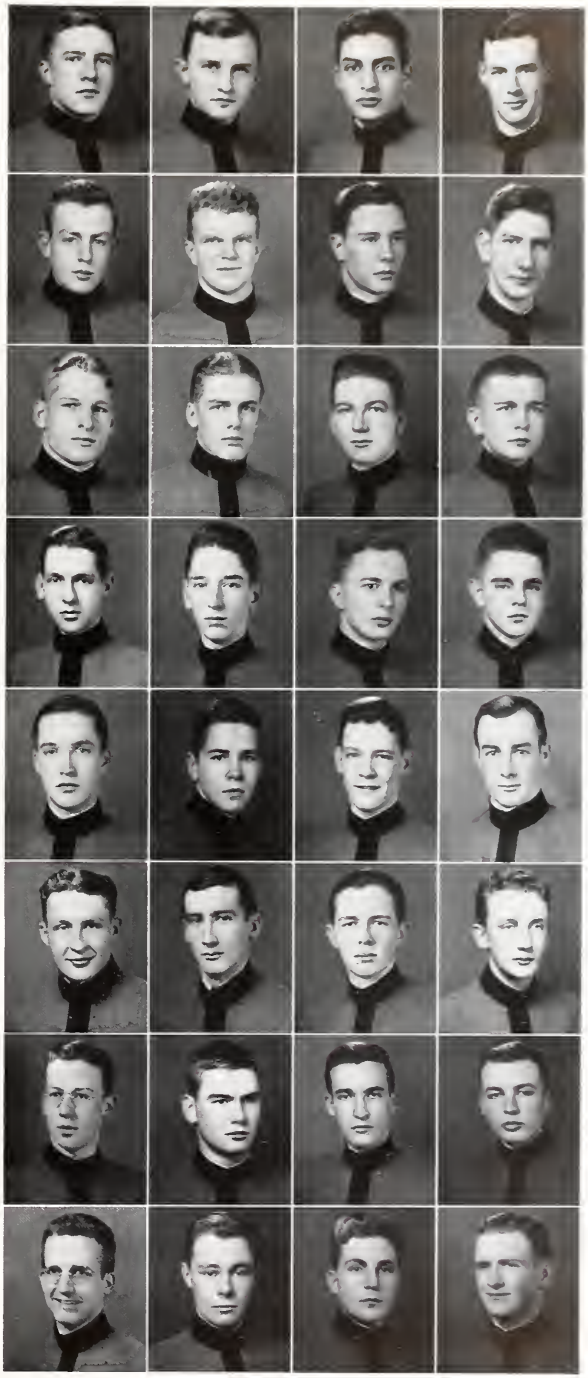
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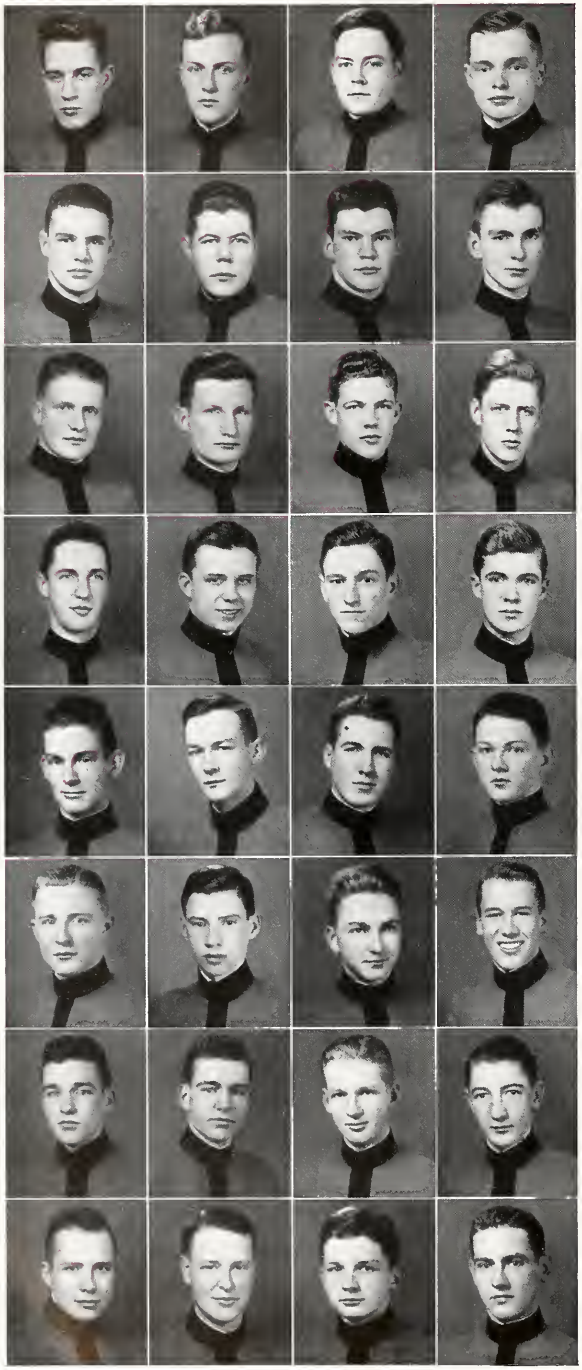
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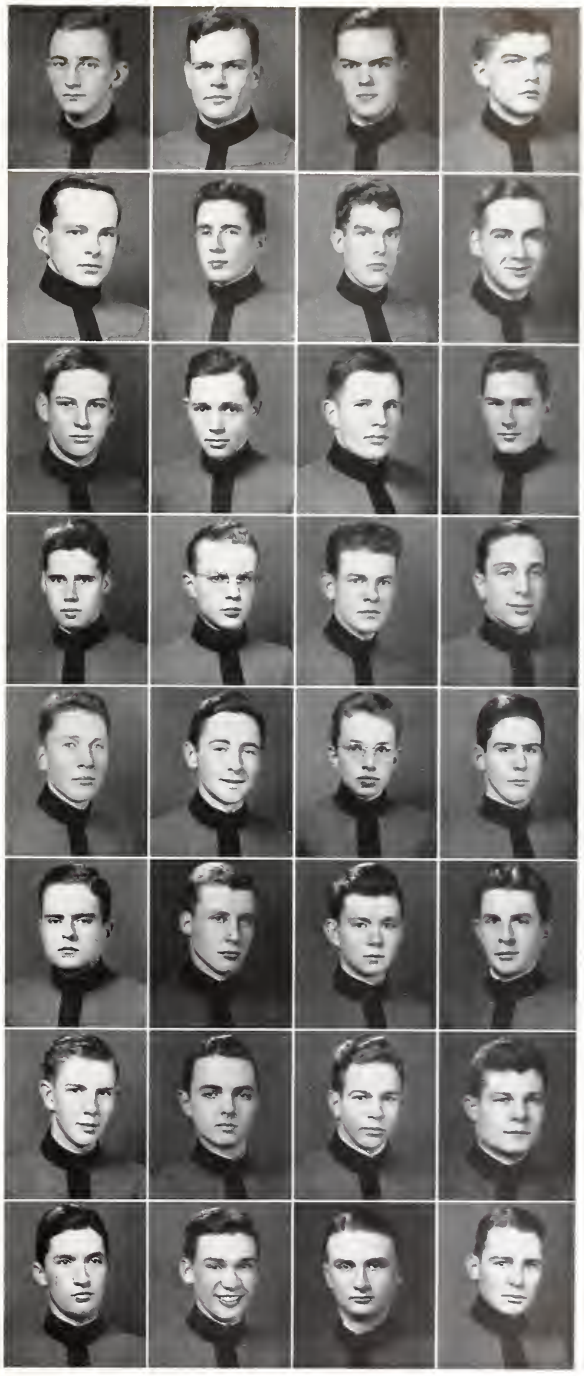
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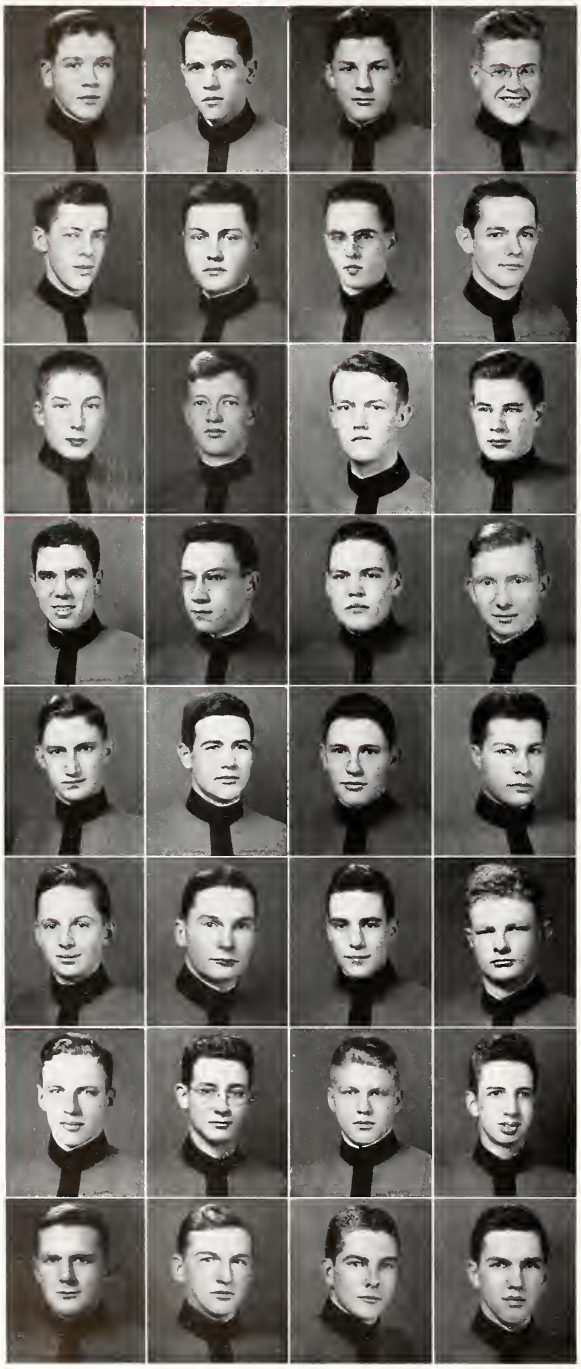
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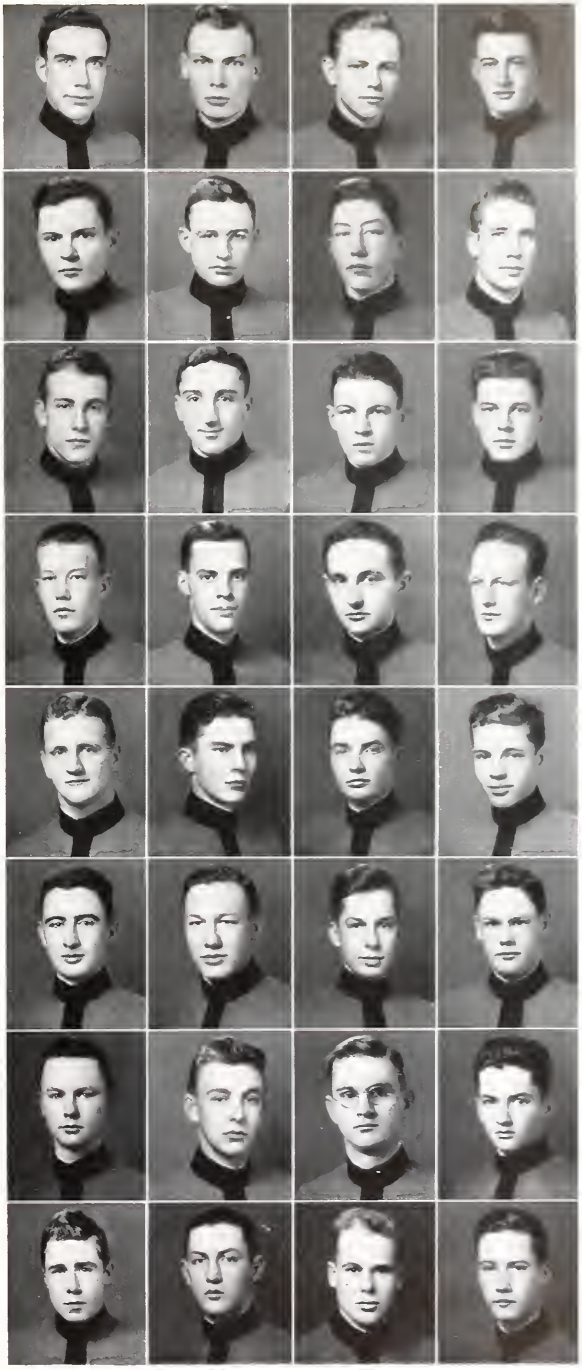
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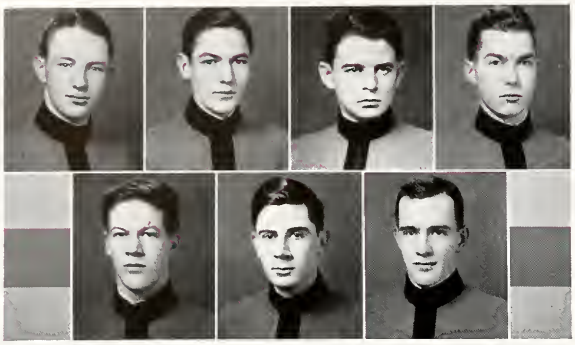
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HISTORY OF THE FOURTH CLASS

One sunny day last September, the twelfth to be exact, V. M. I. was introduced to the class of nineteen forty-two as we formed for the first time on that most eventful day of our lives. For several weeks after our arrival, confusion was the keynote of our existence. The mad scramble at every bugle call as at the many mysterious turnouts will remain only as humorous memories in years to come. Our days were filled with drilling and drawing equipment, while at night we listened to words of advice from the faculty and gathered an inkling of the importance of our institution in history.

Things gradually unraveled for us as the days went by. October came, and with it the Corps trip to Charlotte. On that trip we learned two things. The first was the experience of being old cadets, if only for two days. The second and more important was that we saw and felt for the first time the real fighting spirit of V. M. I., which enabled us to come from behind and tie a highly rated Clemson team. Not long afterwards, we were introduced to those swell V. M. I. hops at openings. These were followed by numerous football games and cheer rallies and finally the colorful torchlight parade before we met V. P. I. Then the trip to Roanoke the next day and the game itself, in which the two teams battled to a tie in the flurries of snow. The following evening we added another experience to our increasing knowledge of the Institute as we witnessed our first Ring Figure. We were impressed by its beauty, and we anticipated some day having one of our own. That same weekend we were allowed the privilege of walking out of the Ratline, so we felt again for the moment the joy of being old cadets.

The following weeks, when the excitement had died down, we began to count the days until Christmas in earnest. This yearning for the holidays was increased even more by the first big resurrection of the third class. Finally the day arrived, and we rushed down the stairs and out the arch on our way home for the happiest and shortest twelve days of our lives. It really felt comfortable to don civilian clothes once more. All too soon our time was up and we had to return again. We were truly a solemn bunch on the night of January third as we looked back on the good times we had had and looked forward to the long months of Rathood still ahead.

Days dragged and weeks lagged as we prepared for exams. At last they were successfully weathered with only a few casualties. The strain of study was relieved for a while by the Midwinter Hops. Then there were wrestling matches, basketball games, and shows in J. M. Hall to attend. The days began to fly by, faster and faster. Before we knew it, spring had come, and the garrison reviews and inspections that accompanied Easter Hops had passed. On the spring hike we met new difficulties and overcame them. Overcoats and grey pants were put away as we donned white ducks and rounded the last bend that put finals in sight. At last the long-awaited day of our dreams arrived when we fought our way up the steps to the status and privileges of old cadets.

Our goal for the present had been achieved, so we relaxed completely and enjoyed those wonderful experiences that only the finals of Rat year can bring. Now we can hitch our wagon to a higher star with new anticipations in the coming year as third classmen.





MILITARY



MAJOR-GENERAL EDWARD W. NICHOLS

1907-1924

Born Peter.burg, Virginia, June 27, 1858; student Hume and Cook's School, 1866-'69; student McCabe's School, 1869-'74; entered V. M. I. in 1874, graduating in 1878 with fourth stand in class of 24, and as a Cadet Lieutenant; studied Law under tutors and at the University of West Virginia; Assistant Professor of Mathematics, V. M. I., 1878-'81; practicing lawyer in Norfolk, Virginia, 1881; Professor of Mathematics, V. M. I., 1890-1907; author of Nichols' Analytical Geometry and of Nichols' Differential and Integral Calculus; associated with the American Reporter International Railway Congress in scientific investigation; member of the Virginia Geological Society; member of the Society Promoting Engineering Education; member of the Committee of College Presidents on Summer Camps; Superintendent of V. M. I., 1907-1924.



JACKSON STATUE, 1912

JACKSON MEMORIAL HALL





WALKER
Regimental Sergeant Major

BALDWIN
Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant

BROWNLEY
Color Guard

HARDY
Color Sergeant

HARDAWAY
Color Sergeant

CARTER
Color Guard

THE COLORS

THE REGIMENTAL STAFF

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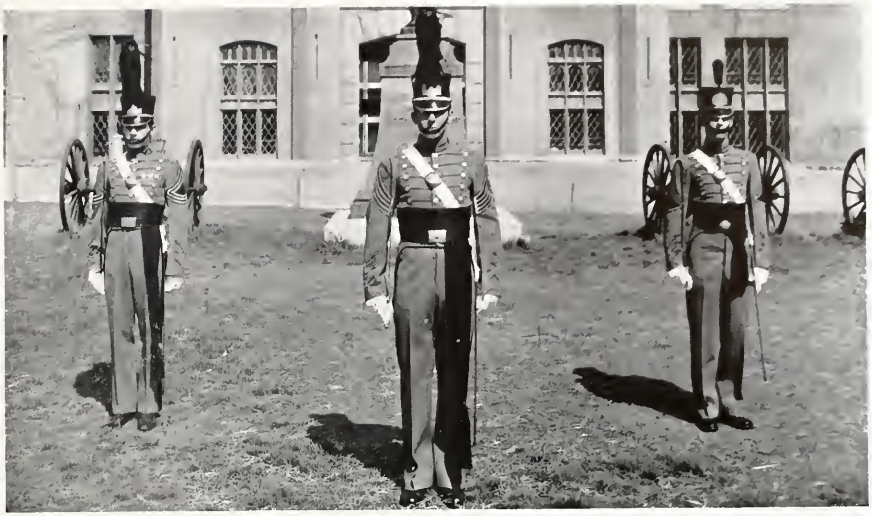


GRIFFIN
Captain Adjutant

IRVING
Regimental Commander

HASTINGS
Captain S-3

HAISLIP
Quartermaster Captain



TIDWELL
Lieutenant Adjutant

CHILES
Battalion Commander

WELTON
Sergeant Major

THE FIRST BATTALION STAFF

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THE SECOND BATTALION STAFF



KADICK
Lieutenant Adjutant

BOND
Battalion Commander

TOTTEN
Sergeant Major

COMPANY "A," CAVALRY



ECHOLS, Captain

THE STAFF

W. M. Echols *Captain*
H. W. Ellerson *First Lieutenant*
R. I. Beale *Second Lieutenant*
R. L. Irby *Second Lieutenant*
G. B. Vivian *Second Lieutenant*
J. P. Thrift *First Sergeant*
T. N. Downing *Supply Sergeant*

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SERGEANTS

S. H. Braznell
T. N. Downing
W. Greenwood
J. M. Moser
R. D. Daugherity
E. B. Gray
C. J. Faulkner
J. A. Augustine
P. T. Syme

CORPORALS

T. L. Thrasher
A. A. Blackmon
W. S. McCauley
W. F. Arnold
C. E. Moore
G. H. Drewry
J. C. Palmer
W. T. White
W. G. Rennolds
H. E. Stengele
D. J. Morton
T. G. Bennett
H. B. Holmes
F. S. Smith

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ELLERSON, First Lieutenant

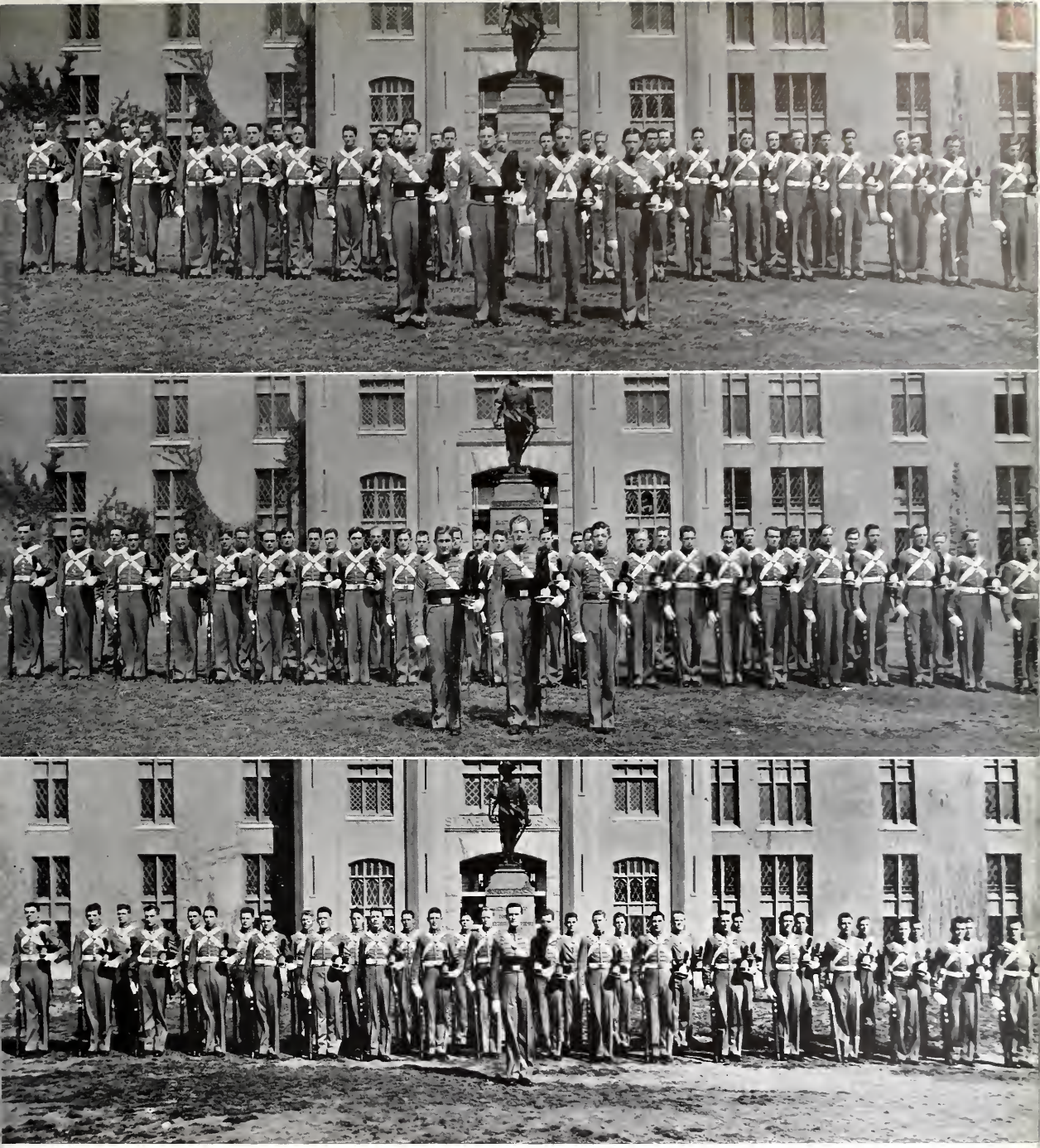
BEALE
IRBY
VIVIAN
Second Lieutenants







The "overgrown" Cavalry lads this year are a typical example of the V. M. I. product of co-operation and ability. At the beginning of last year they rated a distinct last in the Garnett-Andrews competition. Since that unfortunate period of athletic and military depression the high-riding military cowboys have put on a whirlwind performance and now are in the very thick of the hotly contested fight for first place. From their able Commander to the most insignificant private in the ranks, they have all really "put out" for "A" Company. There have been the usual good times, the trifling, and all the other little incidents that so endear a man to his company, but when the pressure was on, every man was ready and eager to deliver all that was expected of him, and a little more besides. "A" Company has been especially outstanding this year in intramurals and has walked away with far more than its share of first lines. The high quality of its officers is evidenced by the great number of its personnel chosen for staff duty and for details on special occasions.



PRIVATES

FIRST CLASS
C. E. Babcock
J. M. Carpenter
P. W. Chase
H. C. Davis
F. S. Diuguid
H. C. Dunton
R. H. Ferrey
C. M. Little
W. H. McCarthy
W. C. Mitchell
J. Pasco
G. K. Slaughter
W. A. Sutherland
E. R. Taylor
N. M. Walker
G. G. Weston
J. M. Woolf

SECOND CLASS
H. Bernstein
J. A. Branaman
J. M. Camp
J. D. Cook
R. P. Ellett
B. M. Gilliam
W. Nelson
C. M. Oakey
R. H. Pritchett
S. W. Rawls
G. H. Simpson
W. G. Shultz
R. N. Shiverts
R. L. Sweeney
J. R. Talbott
C. S. Towles
F. T. Turner
J. F. Turner
L. Vinson
D. H. Wills

THIRD CLASS
J. A. Cook
F. J. Gasquet
N. S. Groome
J. E. Hensley
L. R. Huyett
R. H. Ingle
J. M. Kain
J. L. Martin
W. R. Maxson
W. B. McChesney
C. T. Neale
E. J. Oglesby
J. L. Pitts
R. B. Ragland
W. B. Randolph
H. L. Satterwhite
A. L. Stewart
M. O. Simpson
G. H. Tucker
J. C. Wheat

FOURTH CLASS
B. W. Baker
W. J. Boehmer
C. C. Chewning
J. W. Consolvo
D. Cury
G. H. Esser
G. C. Folkes
R. W. Goodman
R. L. Guy
S. T. Holland
R. E. Horne
J. Hume
F. C. Jones
M. Jones
M. R. Myron
J. M. Patton
E. D. Prescott
M. F. Rico
J. M. Satterfield
H. J. Siebert
B. J. Skladany
F. S. Smith
H. E. Snedeker
R. H. Spessard
W. A. Spillman
L. R. Stallings
J. L. Thacker
J. E. Vestal
D. E. Walker
C. H. Wilkins
R. W. Williams
C. P. Wilson
J. E. Woodward
J. M. Wray

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COMPANY "B," INFANTRY

MAGOFFIN
MOSES
MORRISON
Second Lieutenants







THE STAFF

P. W. Riddleberger *Captain*
C. L. Burgess *First Lieutenant*
J. S. Magoffin *Second Lieutenant*
E. C. Moses *Second Lieutenant*
A. H. Morrison *Second Lieutenant*
D. H. Heely *First Sergeant*
P. C. Shu *Supply Sergeant*

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SERGEANTS

W. J. Cowart
E. P. Y. Powell
C. P. Miller
D. H. Hatfield
J. W. Kohnstamm
M. B. MacKinnon
J. C. Hiett
M. M. Reynolds
R. B. Sessoms

CORPORALS

M. A. Prideaux
E. F. Carney
B. W. Walker
R. V. Jacobs
J. L. Shelby
L. L. Sexton
B. M. Read
E. A. Aurand, Jr.
H. R. Hill
D. W. Marston
S. W. Smith
J. F. Searcy

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RIDDLEBERGER, Captain



BURGESS, First Lieutenant

"Certify I think that 'B' Company is the best drilled company in the world, and if you don't believe me just ask Major Ellis"—any "B" Company man will tell you the same thing, and the strange part of the entire matter is that they're just about correct. The way the "pebble-pushers" can caper about the hill is nothing short of miraculous, and as a result every competitive drill finds them at the top. This accomplishment is all the more astonishing in view of the fact that "B" Company is the only infantry company in the Corps, and thus has to adapt itself to pigmies and colossi alike. Despite this "sizable" difficulty, "B" Company is one of the most outstanding companies on the hill (even though we all consider ourselves pretty darn good), one respectable evidence being that they now repose in second place in the Garnett-Andrews competition. When Gabriel blows first call for drill on his heavenly horn, "B" Company will be there to show the boys how it really should be done (attendance at this function will be optional).







FIRST CLASS
F. W. T. C. Adams
R. C. Blackmon
G. C. Budd
B. S. Holland
H. A. Jacob
W. I. Jeffries
J. S. Littrell
R. R. Messick
R. W. Nix
F. M. Parker
O. B. Saunders
J. L. Savage
L. T. Swann
N. C. Wait
H. L. Wehrle
J. M. Witt

SECOND CLASS
C. Lau
H. L. Rucker
J. M. Walters

THIRD CLASS
C. W. Abbitt
A. Adler
F. C. Baldwin
C. W. Beamer
H. M. Davisson
C. A. Earnest
W. K. Goolrick
S. G. Hobart
F. F. Kaiser
A. S. Kibbee

PRIVATES

R. C. Marshall
R. S. Meisel
A. B. Morrison
S. R. Navas
W. L. Richards
J. G. Robinson
A. J. Rooklin
J. B. Rudulph
J. M. Taliaferro
G. P. Welch

FOURTH CLASS
E. M. Barber
R. T. Bland
R. W. Coe
J. L. Cormany
A. H. Cowart
J. Y. Embrey
W. L. Evans, Jr.
J. H. Grant
R. K. Gray
H. L. Harris
S. C. Harrold
L. A. Heindl
D. M. Howerton
J. A. Hughes
C. G. Knick
R. T. Lemmon
R. A. Lewis
W. D. Lillard
C. E. Lyman
J. A. McDonough
B. C. Menk
H. R. Nevitt
W. E. Nichols
F. P. Rhett
E. D. Risden
C. S. Sexton
J. L. Shome
R. H. Swecker
R. W. D. Taylor
G. C. Williams
E. B. Young

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COMPANY "C," CAVALRY

JARMAN
BAREFIELD
WEST
Second Lieutenants







THE STAFF

T. A. E. Moseley, Jr. *Captain*
W. H. Cox *First Lieutenant*
F. G. Jarman, Jr. *Second Lieutenant*
M. D. Barefield *Second Lieutenant*
O. H. West *Second Lieutenant*
J. E. Harter *First Sergeant*
D. L. May *Supply Sergeant*

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SERGEANTS

F. H. Barksdale — P. B. Coldiron
R. L. Morrison — E. W. Mitchell
T. R. Opie — E. V. Weir
S. A. Vincent — W. H. Harvey
F. C. McCall

CORPORALS

D. W. Gott — G. A. Sancken
D. E. Clark — H. H. C. Richards
P. H. Killey — C. M. Bache
L. N. Brown — F. C. Horton
J. G. Wood — C. Satterfield
A. S. Modisett — E. P. Littlejohn
W. B. Wilson

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MOSELEY, Captain



COX, First Lieutenant

It's a hard thing to keep a good man down, and the old adage certainly applies to Tom Moseley and his "C" Company lads. In spite of their diminutive size and light (with exceptions) weight they always seem to bob up where least expected and are a continual thorn in the sides of the other companies in intramural competition and out on the hill. What they lack in stature they certainly make up in spirit and in will to win in spite of overwhelming odds. Morale is a tremendous factor in a company's success and "C" Company undoubtedly has it *ne plus ultra*. At the beginning of the year the little cavalrymen were far down on the list in the all-important Garnett-Andrews race, but in retort to the slighting remarks of "sinks" sages they are now making a determined bid for first place and are really getting results, much to the annoyance of the seeded first-placers. Tom, Wussy, Bare, Oscar, and Flash have done a grand job, and we salute them.







FIRST CLASS
G. S. Andrew
N. Bolotin
C. P. Brownley
W. A. Cracraft
J. M. Dunlap
C. V. Fraser
J. S. Higgins
O. H. Hill
H. J. Kandel
E. J. Kaufman
V. P. Kovar
A. C. Lord
C. Nelson
J. B. Newman
A. H. Robertson
D. K. Santee
D. J. Stroop
J. E. Talman
P. F. Tinsley
W. B. Verell
G. M. White
SECOND CLASS
D. M. Badgley
R. H. Barnes
B. S. Branson
J. W. Burchfield
G. B. English
F. W. Hoover
N. H. Hotenaiss
J. G. McCann
T. Moncure
B. W. Mundy
E. O'Conner
F. T. Schneider
F. H. Stevens
J. S. Taylor
O. M. Walcott

PRIVATES

L. N. Waters
R. J. Weiss
THIRD CLASS
J. L. Balthis
L. B. Cann
S. W. Dobyns
L. D. Goldsmith
G. S. Horne
F. L. Kirby
L. Munnikhuysen
F. G. Nelson
H. D. Oliver
O. H. Persons
F. M. Strudwick
J. S. Thompson
R. T. Wright
FOURTH CLASS
D. T. Aston
C. J. Bounds
B. Burnett
D. D. Cameron
J. W. Carmine
C. N. Catlett
A. H. Clark
C. L. Crane
R. B. Cropley
T. Y. Davis
J. B. Dillard
H. B. Garrett
P. N. Geary, Jr.
J. A. Hagan
E. L. Keppel
J. D. Lee
J. E. Loyd
A. D. Lynn
A. R. Milio
G. L. Newbold
J. O'Keeffe
J. M. Patton
F. W. Poos
L. G. Porter
C. H. Purdum
D. L. Rawls
R. C. Reed
H. S. Strausser
H. C. Sutherland
H. M. Thornton
A. D. Tuck
C. T. Urquhart
G. S. White, Jr.
A. H. Williams
T. W. Williamson

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COMPANY "D," ARTILLERY



BALDWIN, Captain

THE STAFF

P. B. Baldwin *Captain*
B. H. Barnes *First Lieutenant*
C. C. Crump *Second Lieutenant*
E. J. Tice *Second Lieutenant*
H. O. Golladay *Second Lieutenant*
P. G. Chapman *First Sergeant*
L. D. Matter *Supply Sergeant*

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SERGEANTS

R. G. Bailey
E. H. Hammer
J. E. Pitman
A. V. Carr
J. S. McCracken
J. R. Carter
B. F. Kump
W. B. Garland
E. I. Brown

CORPORALS

R. J. Thompson
J. K. Rose
R. C. Maling
L. D. Hill
R. W. Replogle
C. L. Mobley
P. A. Brauer
A. J. Ellender
R. W. Jeffrey
H. J. Dance
J. A. Sosbee
H. E. Trask

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BARNES, First Lieutenant

GOLLADAY
CRUMP
TICE
Second Lieutenants



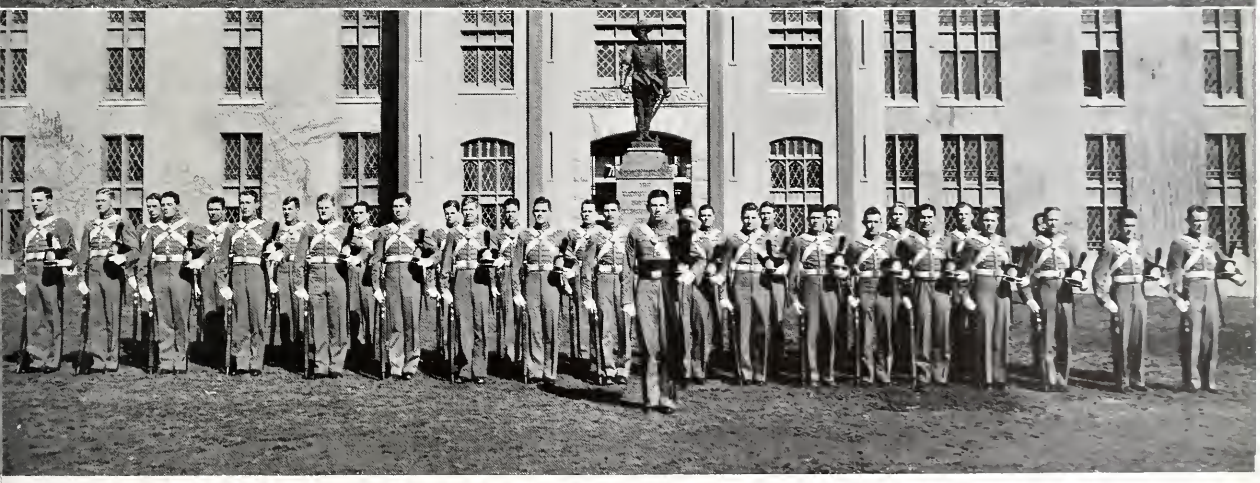




"D" Company is another organization of "little" boys, but their smallness does not extend beyond their stature. There is not a finer aggregate of men to be found anywhere in V. M. I. One and all they are grand friends, they know what is expected of them, they accomplish their objective, and they are proud of their company with good reason. The little artillerymen have not been outstanding either in intramurals or on the drill field this year, but in spite of their size handicap they enter into all activities with the same indomitable spirit that has carried them to so many triumphs in the past. Suffice it that when any company comes from an encounter with "D" Company they know that they have been through a real struggle. However, when it's a show that you want, kindly page the "fourth ranking" company. They're the lads to make the crowd gasp at garrison review and to cause the officers to smile with satisfaction on R. S. O. P. Battery.







FIRST CLASS
R. H. Becker
P. R. Bickford
L. S. Cooper
D. P. Digges
C. E. Feddeman
G. P. Fosque
S. H. Graves
L. F. Jones
H. A. Kerr
W. L. Major
W. S. McMann
J. L. Meem
L. H. Meem
W. W. Middleton
E. Rubira
R. J. Tucker
G. W. VanHoose
W. F. Welcott
T. L. Wright
G. Yee

SECOND CLASS
J. H. Baker
C. Beach
Y. Boatner
W. H. U. Darden
W. S. Griffith
C. M. Hoge
U. E. Philippi
R. B. Ritchie
J. A. Smith
A. L. Wadsworth
E. E. Wilson

THIRD CLASS
C. E. Butler
H. P. Clark

PRIVATES

B. M. Dirzulaitis
D. C. France
T. H. Harrod
F. B. Hill
C. A. Hudson
L. A. Lillard
J. L. W. MacRae
R. L. Moriarty
L. M. Nance
G. B. Peters
L. B. Rashkin
J. R. Swetting

FOURTH CLASS
R. Baldwin
J. R. Banks
C. Bassich
P. C. Cabell
F. M. Cox
J. S. Drewry
R. E. Dunlap
C. E. Fonveille
W. H. Getty
E. S. Granger
A. M. Grindle
J. C. Hooker
R. E. Jeschke
C. D. Kelso
E. V. King
H. B. Kinsolving
C. R. Lapp
L. L. Leech
J. W. Martin
J. K. McCullough
G. W. Moore
B. M. Morse
J. Mullen
J. Pake
S. M. Parham
L. T. Parker
C. E. Pickett
A. Stumpf
E. W. Swain
N. R. Turpin
E. H. Wahlert
R. D. Wall
A. G. Williams
W. M. Zmecker

1839 1939

COMPANY "E," ARTILLERY

BRAND
BAILEY
BRITTINGHAM
Second Lieutenants







THE STAFF

L. Booker *Captain*
L. G. Mathews *First Lieutenant*
J. H. Bailey *Second Lieutenant*
W. F. Brand *Second Lieutenant*
R. C. Brittingham *Second Lieutenant*
T. E. Snyder *First Sergeant*
F. R. Torrington *Supply Sergeant*



BOOKER, Captain

SERGEANTS

V. J. Thompson
J. D. Harris
A. G. Fallat
J. L. Hart
D. P. Smith
A. R. Flinn
R. A. Merchant
M. R. Morrissett
R. P. Smith

CORPORALS

R. A. Foster
F. C. Goolsby
J. W. Bowman
D. A. Buonanno
J. R. Dale
C. H. Gompf
K. Willis
A. T. Weiss
J. W. Ayler
E. M. Meyer
W. E. Richardson
E. W. Galloway

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MATHEWS, First Lieutenant

Yes, it's that notorious "route-step company" again! But what a difference in "E" Company this year! Still the old joviality, still the old devil-may-care spirit, but this time an organization with a wealth of talent and a firm determination to really go places. Inspired by a fine group of officers and under the spirited leadership of Bill Bond and Lewis Booker, "E" Company for the first time in years has been an outstanding contender in competitive drills, and its work on the guard teams has been unsurpassed. In the Garnett-Andrews competition, the "5th ranking company" has always remained a serious threat to the leaders, pushing close on their heels with victories in foul goals, handball, and swimming. In parades, too, "E" Company has been especially outstanding, belying the old myth of the squads "in echelon." These artillerymen have been most lucky this year in that they have received a fine group of "rats" to carry on the fine standards set up during the current session, and the future can only be bright with such men as Tom Snyder and Fran Torrington at the helm for next year.



FIRST CLASS
C. C. Arms
W. F. Barnard
J. G. Bernard
H. P. Bigler
D. W. Carr
H. C. Diggs
R. A. Edwards
C. W. Frazier
C. A. Harkrader
F. A. Hippey
J. J. Johnson
J. P. Johnson
J. A. Love
E. C. Maxwell
W. G. Quinn
R. Ragland
E. H. Ruffin
D. B. Slessman
W. E. Wilkins

SECOND CLASS
W. K. Adams
C. R. Floyd
D. F. Flowers
F. F. Flowers
J. G. Hundley
F. D. Marshall
R. W. Moncure
R. G. Pollard
W. S. Powell
I. T. VanPatten
C. G. Wettersten
G. R. White

THIRD CLASS
F. C. Booker
W. I. Charles
H. C. Hampton

PRIVATES

H. G. Howton
V. Johnson
H. I. Lawrence
F. G. Louthan
A. F. Meyer
C. F. Nash
C. F. Owens
J. G. Paul
S. M. Seaton
R. Siegel
G. W. Shelhorse
R. L. Spear
A. R. Spencer
W. A. Willis

FOURTH CLASS
F. D. Barclay
J. E. Cheatham
E. N. Chiles
C. C. Clay
D. S. Connor
B. L. Crafton
L. A. Durham
W. S. Edwards
W. F. Flood
E. J. Fogarty
T. F. Gilliam
K. P. Gravbeal
R. C. Horne
J. A. Jordan
E. G. King
F. J. Lee
F. W. Love
J. J. Matthews
R. E. L. Michie
J. M. Mills
W. Moore
L. V. Naisawald
J. A. Perkins
W. H. Pike
W. I. Powers
A. C. Pritchard
A. G. Sutherland
C. R. Tassi
W. B. Walker
R. A. Weller
J. T. Wilson
W. E. Woelper
J. E. Whitmore
C. M. Young

1839 1939

COMPANY "F," ARTILLERY



STRICKLER, Captain

THE STAFF

R. D. Strickler *Captain*
T. W. Gray *First Lieutenant*
A. W. Ellis *Second Lieutenant*
W. W. Coleman *Second Lieutenant*
J. S. Hughes *Second Lieutenant*
W. A. Edens *First Sergeant*
D. C. Dominick *Supply Sergeant*

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SERGEANTS

P. B. May
R. H. Deaderick
W. F. Mandt
S. G. Gary
A. L. Turner
J. F. Larrick
A. K. Keesee
F. C. Miner

R. S. Aaron

CORPORALS

E. A. Stumpf
S. H. Swift
C. L. Rockwood
J. L. Parrish
H. R. Gantt
H. E. Mecredy
H. J. Foresman
A. L. Nelson
M. D. Lucas
R. J. Doland
J. F. Hirst
P. A. Hughes

E. O. Smith

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GRAY, First Lieutenant

ELLIS
COLEMAN
HUGHES
Second Lieutenants



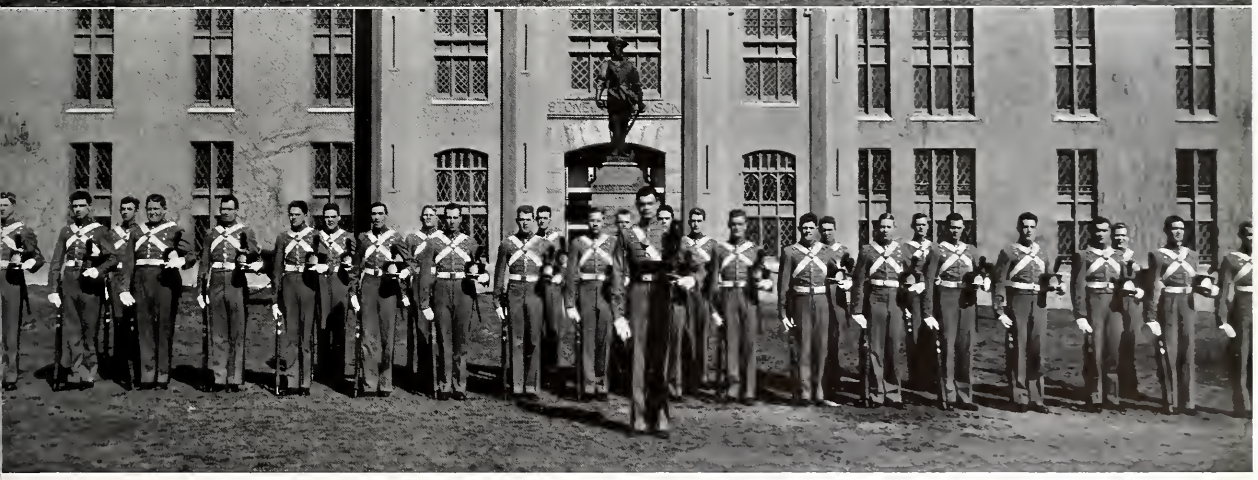




For years barracks has been trying to explode the theory that quality goes with size—in vain. The big artillerymen are supposed to be good—they are. Under the leadership of Captain Strickler they have amassed a record score in intramurals to win the trophy by a most respectable margin, and are in the thick of the fight for the Garnett-Andrews Cup. It is indeed a great credit to Dick, Woody, A. W., Dogs, and Jimmy, that they have led "F" Company to such an outstanding triumph. And certainly theirs is a remarkable achievement, ranking, as they do, so high in all fields of company endeavor: first lines, competitive drills, guard tours, and intramurals. But life is not too serious in "F" Company even with the high code of discipline exacted by Walter Edens. The first class privates especially get more than an even break, and it is through their appreciation of the treatment accorded them and their fine spirit of cooperation that the company has been able to make such progress. Incidentally, if you care to see a truly fine battery watch "F" Company "Keep 'em rolling."







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L. D. Brayton
B. P. Carter
H. J. Cronin
J. P. Dorrier
F. B. Emerson
J. K. Haley
W. R. Hoblitzell
L. E. Hudgins
W. K. Johnson
O. B. Knight
Y. H. Knowles
I. V. Patham
J. K. Peebles
W. S. Riddick
W. A. Samans
I. N. Saxe
J. E. Seaton
W. R. Smithey
T. W. Spurgin
J. M. Tabb
H. L. Thornton
A. J. Trzeciak
A. M. Turner
J. C. Wood

SECOND CLASS

G. V. Atkison
D. D. Bigbee
J. M. Cheek
P. E. Cline
F. C. Culpepper
W. C. Glover
H. T. Graber
G. B. Handy
B. Harvey
G. C. Irwin
D. G. McMillin
H. F. Sharp

PRIVATES

W. A. Walton
R. V. Wasdell
C. S. Weaver
R. H. White

THIRD CLASS

E. B. Bradford
J. H. Conduff
A. E. Donnan
W. A. Garnett
F. L. Gregory
W. M. Jackson
E. G. King
A. H. McKinney
E. F. Newton
G. B. Richmond
R. F. Reutt
C. A. Stokes
H. G. Tipton
R. E. Traver

FOURTH CLASS

C. H. Beckham
T. Bixby
W. N. Brown
R. E. Byrd
C. P. Coburn
E. L. Davis
C. S. Deahl
W. E. Doolan
J. L. Dorrier
C. M. Drake
J. E. Edens
M. E. Fulk
A. P. Goddin
J. C. Haly
G. W. Heath
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C. L. Lewis
J. R. Major
C. B. Miller
C. S. Mullen
W. B. Nugent
D. R. Oaker
C. W. Page
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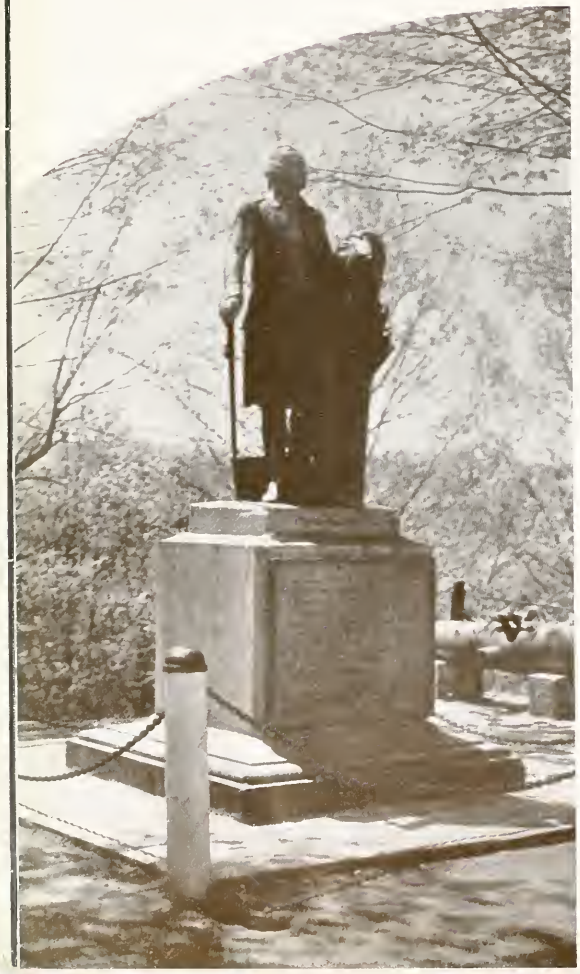
ATHLETICS



MAJOR-GENERAL WILLIAM H. COCKE

1924-1929

Born City Point, Virginia, September 12, 1874; received primary education there; at age of fourteen he went to a high school in Staunton; entered V. M. I. in August, 1890, graduating as first stand man and Jackson Hope medalist in the class of 1894; commandant, Kemper Military Academy, Boneville, Missouri, for three years; studied law at Washington University, Saint Louis, for one year; studies interrupted by Spanish-American War, during which he held commission as First Lieutenant, Fourth Missouri Volunteers; practiced law in Saint Louis after the war; became President and General Manager of the Saint Louis (Michigan) Chemical Company, later organizing the Commercial Acid Company, known after 1918 as the Southern Acid and Sulphur Company; attained noteworthy success as president and general manager of this firm. Major in the Missouri National Guard, Thirty-fifth Division, during the World War; sent overseas in 1918, resuming his business in Saint Louis upon discharge at termination of war. Superintendent of V. M. I., 1924-1929.



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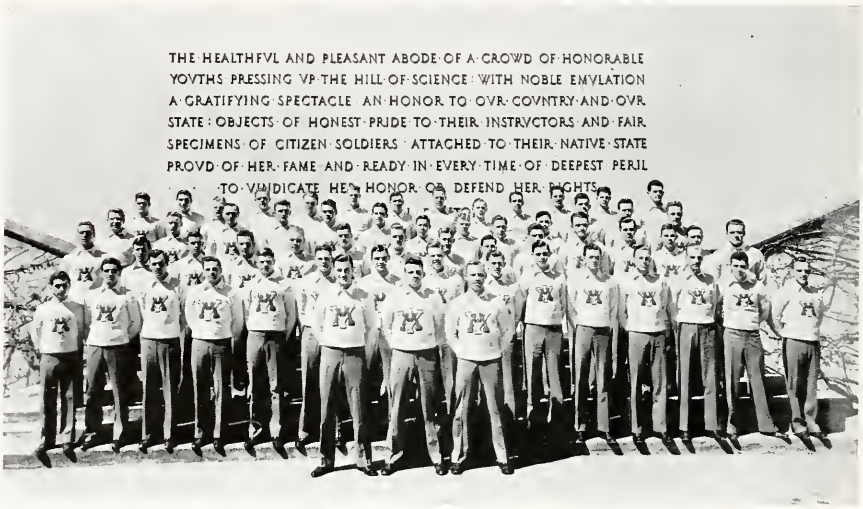
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THE purpose of the V. M. I. Athletic Association is to foster the general welfare of all athletic activities in which the Virginia Military Institute is engaged. The association is governed by the Athletic Council, and both in turn are subject to the supervision and approval of the Superintendent. Those eligible for membership in the association include members of the Corps of Cadets, alumni, Board of Visitors and employees of the Institute. These are each represented by their respective members on the Athletic Council.

The association has a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and a publicity director. Chosen by and from the Corps for this year are Cadets R. D. Strickler, president, and P. C. Shu, vice-president. Col. Read is the publicity director.

V. M. I. is a member of the Southern Conference, and is thereby subject to all of the rules and regulations of this conference.

THE FOOTBALL COACHES



ALLISON T. (POOLEY) HUBERT
Head Coach

Too often spectators are prone to give credit only to actual performance on the athletic field, forgetting the weeks of steady practice under competent coaching. To these coaches whose efforts have made V. M. I. football teams as much as have the efforts of the players we make grateful recognition.



MAJOR BLANDY B. CLARKSON
Director of Athletics



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Line Coach

WALKER
End Coach

HUBERT
Head Coach

COHEN
Backfield Coach and Scout



FOOTBALL

★

ANDY TRZECIAK
Captain

First Row: Saunders, Kovar, Irby, Taylor, Trzeciak (*Captain*), Gray, Strickler, Echols, Walker, Coleman
Second Row: Meem, Replogle, Tipton, Navas, Marshall, Irwin, Feddeman, Holland, Nelson, Brittingham
Third Row: Messick, Reutt, Magoffin, Simpson, Carney, Huyett, Atkison, Thrasher, Sexton, Larrick
Fourth Row: Swetting, Shelby, Chapman, Mitchell, Shu, Heely, Johnson, Ayler, Parrish
Fifth Row: Patchin, Walker, Laslie, Hubert, Cohen, Tice (*Manager*)



THE FOOTBALL SEASON



JACK TICE
Manager



HERB PATCHIN
Trainer

THE SEASON

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V. M. I.	19; Davidson	6
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V. M. I.	2; V. P. I.	2

STARTING LINEUP

Taylor	*Right End*	Walker	*Left Tackle*
Strickler	*Right Tackle*	Brittingham	*Left End*
Gray	*Right Guard*	Shelby	*Quarterback*
Irby	*Center*	Kovar	*Left Halfback*
Echols	*Left Guard*	Shu	*Right Halfback*
Trzeciak	*Fullback*		





TRZECIAK, BACK; ALL-STATE; CAPT.



SHU, BACK, ALL-SOUTHERN, ALL-STATE, CAPT.-ELECT



ECHOLS, GUARD, ALL-STATE



KOVAR, BACK



STRICKLER, TACKLE

V. M. I., 33; Elon, 7

The "Fighting Squadron" opened the '38 football season with an all-round display of power by defeating Elon's "Fighting Christians." In avenging an opening day defeat at the hands of Elon in '37, V. M. I. gave promise of the power which carried it to second place in the Southern Conference.

Behind perfect blocking by Strickler and Echols, "Son" Shelby, sophomore star, picked up eight yards through right guard to mark his first attempt in varsity competition. Shelby stole the show from the great Paul Shu by directly accounting for one score, and setting up two more. In the first quarter he hurled a thirty-yard pass to Dale Heely, who raced the remaining few yards to score untouched. In the third quarter he broke away on the Elon 41 for about six yards, then just before being tackled, lateraled to Trzeciak, who romped the remaining 35. In the fourth period, Neil Brown, another promising sophomore back, carried the ball to the Elon 4 on three beautiful line plunges, and Shelby scored from there.

V. M. I., 12; Virginia, 12

Playing before a crowd of some 12,000 fans under unusually warm weather conditions, V. M. I. retained its distinction of never having lost to the Cavaliers in the latter's Scott Stadium.

Bud Kovar put V. M. I. in front midway in the first period when he raced 29 yards to score on a perfectly executed spinner play. Gillette of Virginia went over on a double reverse a little later to tie the score.

V. M. I. dominated the play in the second quarter, but could get no further than the Wahoo ten-yard line.

The Keydets continued their attack in the third canto and after Shelby returned a punt to Virginia's 47, marched to a score in nine plays. Heely took a pass from Shelby for the touchdown. Shu lead a Keydet attack in the final period and crossed the Cavalier goal line only to have a penalty nullify the score.

A passing attack that carried over half the length of the field in five plays set the stage for the second Virginia score late in the fourth quarter.

V. M. I., 0; Navy, 26

The Squadron suffered its first and only loss at the hands of a hard and fast playing Navy team. "Bud" Kovar's 35-yard return of the opening kick-off, and

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BRITTINGHAM, END



GRAY, TACKLE



IRBY, CENTER



TAYLOR, END



WALKER, TACKLE

his powerful line plunges during the second quarter were offset by the brilliant pass-receiving of Powell, Navy captain, and the running attack of Navy's Wood, Lenz, and Cook. "Andy" Trzeciak turned in his usual excellent kicking performance, and one of Shu's was good for 75 yards. "Mike" Irby was the reason why Navy didn't score more often from the air, the V. M. I. center batting down many of Navy's passes. "Andy" Trzeciak and "Snag" Meem bore the brunt of Navy's offensive, and in backing up the line, made some very hard tackles which smeared numerous plays.

Although the Squadron was clearly outplayed, it lost none of its fight, and came back with the spirit which carried it to one of its most successful seasons.

V. M. I., 7; Clemson, 7

With the corps of cadets in the stands at Charlotte yelling and cheering as never before, an inspired "Fighting Squadron" came back in the last three minutes to tie the highly favored Clemson Tigers.

V. M. I. held a slight edge in the first half as they stopped the Clemson drives time and again before they were under way. The outstanding line play of Strickler, Gray, Echols, and Walker was a big factor in the team's fine showing. The Keydets gained 162 yards from scrimmage in contrast to Clemson's 54 yards. Shu, Shelby, and Kovar were responsible for a Keydet drive early in the fourth period. Bryant, Clemson back, returned one of Shu's long punts 88 yards for a touchdown towards the end of the period, and it looked bad for Coach Hubert's charges.

Captain Trzeciak and his mates came back, however, with an amazing and fighting drive that carried the ball over the goal line. Shu scored on a pass from Shelby. Trzeciak's quick thinking and Shu's tremendous drive counted the extra point to tie the score.

V. M. I., 13; Richmond, 6

The Fighting Squadron made short work of Richmond's unbeaten Spiders with Paul Shu leading the way by scoring on a double reverse sweep around left end, which was good for 44 yards. Gray set up the second touchdown by recovering a Richmond fumble on their 10. After a fruitless attempt through the line, Shu threw a pass to Trzeciak, who was waiting in the end zone. In the third period, Richmond's sophomore star, Art Jones, returned Trzeciak's kick

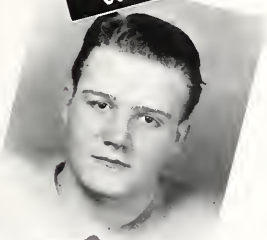




SHELBY, BACK



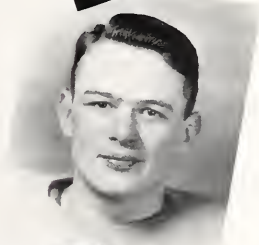
COLEMAN, END



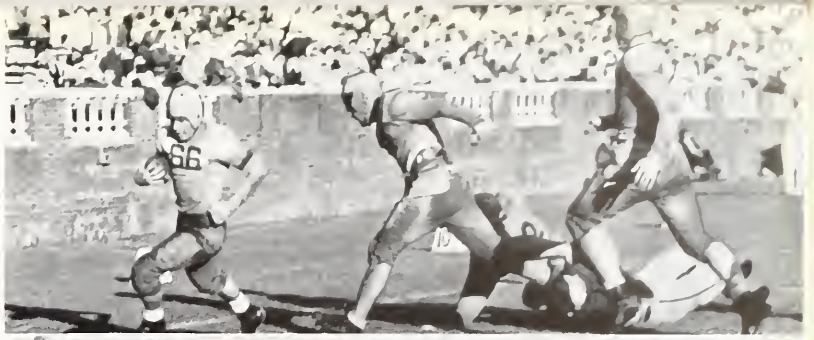
HOLLAND, TACKLE



MEEM, BACK



CHAPMAN, BACK





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92 yards for Richmond's only score. Except for this, V. M. I. had almost complete control; one touchdown was called back, and after a 60-yard drive to within six inches of a score the final whistle prevented another. Red Echols was outstanding in the line and Spider backfield all afternoon, and Strickler and Walker also played a great defensive game. Gray's effective blocking paved the way for many of Shu's first downs, and Brittingham's work against the opposition's tackles was a source of satisfaction to Coach Laslie.

V. M. I., 14; William and Mary, 0

Coach "Pooly" Hubert's Big Red Team continued to set the pace in the state football wars by beating the Indians in their homecoming game at Williamsburg.

The second stringers played over half the contest, which saw V. M. I. bottle up the William and Mary attack very effectively. The Keydets marched to a touchdown early in the second quarter with Paul Shu and Phil Chapman supplying the drive.

The excellent play of Brittingham, Echols, Strickler, Tipton, and Reutt is deserving of particular mention.

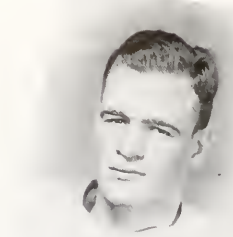
The Squadron counted again in the third period when Ray Reutt intercepted Twiddy's pass and raced 74 yards to cross the Indian goal line.

Paul Shu played his usual brilliant game, as did Trzeciak and Kovar. The fine showing of the second stringers was especially gratifying.

Gus Twiddy's great punting was a standout for William and Mary.

V. M. I., 47; Maryland, 14

The Squadron didn't waste any time in getting started to avenge the defeat handed them by Maryland which spoiled last year's homecoming game. Although Maryland was crippled by loss of such stars as Meade and Mondorff, V. M. I. played a game which clicked so well it would have been difficult to stop. Shu proved that he was well able to be called an All-American candidate by scoring 23 points on placement kicks, reception of passes, and a great running attack. His punts were also exceptional, one going out on the Maryland 3. Many of Shu's runs can be credited to Kovar, who has turned into one of the best blocking backs V. M. I. has ever had. After the first string had run up a score of 21 to 0, the reserves went in and the score still continued upward. Frank



ATKINSON, CENTER



HEELY, BACK



REUTT, GUARD



TIPTON, TACKLE



SEXTON, END

Carney showed plenty of ability and drive. Shelby's passes were very effective, and Shelby to Shu was the password.

V. M. I., 6; Wake Forest, 6

In a homecoming game that was as muddy as any on record, the "Fighting Squadron" was held to a six-six deadlock by the strong Wake Forest Deacons.

The first half was all V. M. I., as Shu and Kovar made repeated gains on the quagmired gridiron. Shu's 48-yard run to the Deacon ten-yard stripe early in the game was the longest of the afternoon. After losing the ball on downs, the Keydets came back to score near the end of the first quarter, as Shu went over from the three-yard line.

The third period was taken up by frequent punt exchanges, with each team being guilty of several fumbles.

The Deacon's attack could not be denied in the last period, as Mayberry, Gallovich, and Edwards led a touchdown drive to tie the score.

Brittingham and Taylor were outstanding on defense for V. M. I., and Captain Andy Trzeciak was brilliant in backing up the line and directing the offense.

V. M. I., 19; Davidson, 6

Swivel-hipped Paul Shu sparked the win over Davidson by scoring three touchdowns. V. M. I. just barely missed scoring two more when Reutt intercepted a pass on the Wildcat 30 and ran it back to the 5 before being rushed out of bounds as the half ended. The other near tally came in the last quarter when Trzeciak threw a long spiral pass to Taylor as he sprinted into the end zone, but Taylor was ruled to have caught the pass out of the end zone.

Irby stopped a Davidson threat in the third period when he intercepted a pass on his own 21. Shu and Kovar did most of the ground gaining, while Trzeciak converted one extra point, Irby, Taylor, Brittingham, and Walker paced the line play.

One of Shu's runs was a 63-yard punt return in the last three minutes of play; he raced over the goal line untouched.

Davidson's only score came on a long pass on the eighth play of the second period after a first period spent in punt exchanges in which Davidson had a decided edge.





BROWN, BACK



REPLOGLE, GUARD



NELSON, TACKLE



THRASHER, GUARD



HUYETT, END



V. M. I., 6; Roanoke, 0

The Big Red Team continued its winning ways against the determined Roanoke Maroons as Andy Trzeciak lead a third period drive to score the only touchdown of the game. Rain and a sloppy field again slowed up the Keydet offense.

Shu's kicking kept Roanoke backed up in its own territory for most of the first half. Brittingham and Strickler were quite effective in holding the Salem team in check. An offside penalty robbed V. M. I. of a safety in the second period shortly after Shu punted Roanoke into a hole.

Captain Trzeciak scored for V. M. I. early in the third period, as he carried the ball the last 22 yards in six tries. Shelby, Chapman, and Brown were also outstanding in the Keydet backfield.

Roanoke's only threat came in the final quarter when the Maroon offense advanced to V. M. I.'s 19-yard line.

V. M. I., 2; V. P. I., 2

In the worst weather possible for the last and most important game, V. P. I. made the most of its opportunities and tied a stronger Fighting Squadron, which piled up statistics in its favor but couldn't overcome fate. V. M. I.'s 150 yards gained rushing to V. P. I.'s 22 showed this superior power, but six inches of slippery snow and mud slowed the Keydets down just enough to prevent a touchdown.

The whole team played one of the best games it played all year. Sexton saved the day after Shu kicked out on the Tech 12 by tackling V. P. I.'s Hudson behind his own goal for a safety. Son Shelby was at a disadvantage with his passing, but handled the safety position in grand style. Bud Kovar was the chief ground gainer and sparked most of the first down drives, aided by Shu. Trzeciak made the longest run around his own left end which was good for thirty-three yards. Irby handled the ball perfectly and deserves much credit. Taylor and Strickler accounted for numerous Gobbler losses, Walker and Nelson got down under punts to throw receivers before they even got started, and Gray and Echols opened the holes which made possible the consistent line gaining. Thus the Fighting Squadron displayed its mighty power, and though ending the game with a tie, satisfied its supporters by taking Tech apart.



Brittingham, Trzeciak, Taylor, Saunders, Gray, Echols, Strickler, Irby, Kovar

At the close of their last college football season, these nine men received miniature footballs for their outstanding service to V. M. I. athletics. They have been outstanding not only in their athletic prowess, but in their loyalty, both on the field and off. All true gentlemen, they are certainly a credit to the Institute which they represent. I hate to see them go, for it was a pleasure to work and associate with them. In time we shall replace them on the football field, but their friendship and loyalty will never be replaced.

Best of luck, and I am sure that the success you have gained in college will be yours in later life.

COACH ALLISON T. (POOLEY) HUBERT.



Rubira
Harris, Galloway, Wills, May, Quinn

CHEER LEADERS



BASKETBALL

RAY TAYLOR
Captain

★



GUS EDWARDS
Manager

Seated, left to right: Foresman, Shu, Saxe, Taylor (*Captain*), Saunders, Trzeciak, Parrish
Standing: Walker, Rashkin, Simpson, Shelby, Stumpf, Foster, Gott, Edwards (*Manager*)





COACH WALKER

THE BASKETBALL SEASON

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RESUME

At the beginning of practice Coach Walker was hampered by having practically his entire starting five composed of football men, and practice couldn't really start until after football season. Only one of last year's starting team was lost, and the return of "Doc" Saunders and the addition of Foster and



Stumpf from the rats gave a much stronger team than V. M. I. had had for several years.

The '39 edition of the Keydet basketeers dropped the opening game to Roanoke. Although showing flashes of form here and there, they were definitely no match for the smooth-running attack launched against them.

Playing their first home game, V. M. I. made a strong comeback in the last half, but could not overtake an early lead by Carolina. The Keydets evened the count at won-one-lost-one by soundly defeating a highly favored William and Mary team. They were never headed once they got started, although the score was tied twice. A hard-fighting Emory and Henry team was next defeated by the Keydets, who were closely pushed all the way before finally emerging victorious by two points. Saunders and Saxe totaled seventeen points together. Close guarding kept the Wasps from scoring much from the floor, but they made good seventeen of twenty-one possible points from fouls.

The Keydets put on a slow and disappointing game, featured by numerous fouls, to lose to Virginia. The play of both teams was very rough, and V. M. I. was unable to score with any regularity.

V. P. I. was completely outclassed in the next game by V. M. I., and the lead was never threatened. The Keydets played one of their best games of the season. Shu scored at will to total twenty-two points, and Foster and Trzeciak gave almost perfect examples of guarding and floor work.

Against N. C. State the play was very closely matched during the first half, but State turned on the pressure and pulled away in the last part of the game.

The University of North Carolina barely nosed out V. M. I. the next night by two points. The lead changed hands many times and with five minutes left Carolina was leading by ten points. V. M. I. quickly sank four field goals, but the final gun ended the rally.

Furman got off to an early lead, which was soon overtaken as the varsity gained another win over a Southern Conference opponent to keep in the race for a bid to the tournament at Raleigh. Trzeciak was high scorer, and V. M. I. used every available substitute.



V. P. I. was soundly defeated a second time by the Keydets, as they kept an eye on the Southern Conference bid. The first half was close, but V. M. I. couldn't be stopped in the second.

Wake Forest's Deacons, Southern Conference leaders, got off to an early lead in defeating V. M. I., who just couldn't find the basket. The Cadets were caught on a decidedly off-night.

Richmond took the last home game of the season in a thriller which had the crowd on edge all night. It was the last game before the Corps for Captain "Ray" Taylor, "Doc" Saunders, "Andy" Trzeciak, and Saxe. The lead changed hands many times, Richmond finally ending up on top as Burge sank a free throw which kept them ahead for the remaining forty-five seconds.

The Keydets were unable to keep up in the second half with Maryland's zone defense and fast-breaking offense, which never seemed to miss. Trzeciak was high scorer with seventeen points, and sophomores Foster and Stumpf displayed a hard-fighting brand of basketball. The game was much closer than indicated by the score, as Maryland didn't pull away until the last.

A crippled V. M. I. five minus the services of Trzeciak and Saunders were again defeated by Virginia. Foster was in the middle of every play and really gave Virginia plenty to worry about.

Going down the home stretch, V. M. I. won its last two games over Southern Conference opponents to get a bid to the tournament at Raleigh. William and Mary was defeated a second time in a rough contest which saw a revived V. M. I. team playing at its best. Fine offensive work by Saunders, Shu, and Foster and the defensive ability of the team as a whole insured victory. Against Richmond the team was still going strong and won the most closely contested game of the season as Foster sank a field goal in the last 15 seconds. Sophomore Eddie Stumpf showed up well.

Coach Walker deserves much credit for his fine work in developing a well-coordinated, hard-fighting team which ranked among the top eight in the conference.





WRESTLING

JOHNNY TALMAN
Captain

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CHARLEY NELSON
Manager

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Seated, left to right: Kandel, Littlejohn, VanHoose, Matter, Talman (*Captain*), Witt, Hill, Swift, Wasdell, Reutt
Standing: Barnes (*Coach*), Ellender, Swetting, Jacobs, Jeffrey, Simpson, Sutherland, Beamer, Spear, Navas, Nelson (*Manager*)





COACH SAM BARNES

THE WRESTLING SEASON

RESULTS

V. M. I.	9;	Navy	17
V. M. I.	27;	Duke	3
V. M. I.	27;	V. P. I.	3
V. M. I.	22;	N. C. State	6
V. M. I.	25;	U. N. C.	3
V. M. I.	8;	Lehigh	26

RESUME

Coach Sam Barnes returned to V. M. I. for his second straight year as wrestling mentor and his 1939 team went through another undefeated season in the Southern Conference, although losing matches to Navy and powerful Lehigh. This year no Southern Conference tournament was held, but V. M. I. and W. and L., likewise unbeaten in the conference, were named co-champions. The season's record shows four victories against two defeats.

The grapplers lost to Navy at Annapolis in their first match by a 17 to 9 score. Captain John Talman, Herb Kandel and sophomore Steve Swift were the winning Keydets. Jimmy Witt had the misfortune to slip into a pinning hold just as he was preparing to throw his Middie opponent.

With only three first stringers wrestling, V. M. I.



KANDEL



LITTLEJOHN



VAN HOOSE



MATTER



OPIE

had no trouble in outscoring Duke 27 to 3. Van Hoose and Hill registered falls in the Durham meet. Jeffrey, Opie, Beamer, and Swift gained decisions while Reutt won by default. The following Tuesday in Blacksburg, the Keydet matmen rang up another conference victory by downing V. P. I., also by the score of 27 to 3. Kandel, Matter, and Reutt chalked up falls, while Talman, Witt, Hill, and Wasdell took decisions.

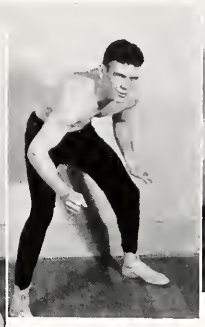
North Carolina State provided the opposition at V.



REUTT



TALMAN



WITT



HILL



SWIFT



WASDELL

M. I.'s first home match, but the visitors came out on the short end of a 22 to 6 count. Herb Kandel, true to form, bested the State captain, while Tom Opie registered a fall over the visitors welterweight ace. Hill, Witt, and Reutt won on decisions, and Van Hoose got credit for five points on a forfeit.

Before a Midwinter Hop crowd, the varsity wrestlers romped all over North Carolina to take a 25 to 3 verdict in their last conference match of the year. Kandel and Witt recorded falls. Littlejohn, Talman, Hill, Swift, and Reutt were the other winners.

The final encounter of the season found Coach Barnes' charges pitted against Lehigh's Eastern Intercollegiate champs. The bouts were closer than the 26 to 8 score might indicate; that the Easterners presented a powerful and well balanced team cannot be denied. Kandel and Reutt won their bouts for V. M. I., each completing an undefeated season.



Captain John Talman, Halsey Hill, and Steve Swift went unbeaten until the Lehigh meet.

By using two full teams and alternating his men as much as possible, Coach Barnes not only gave valuable experience to a greater number of wrestlers than usual, but he also developed men for next year to replace his graduating regulars.

Don Matter, 135-pounder from Dallas, Texas, was elected captain of the 1940 team. Returning along with him will be Littlejohn, Opie, Swift, Wasdell, and Reutt, all monogram men. In addition to these, Jeffrey, Beamer, Chapman, and Burchfield will be available. Together with the grapplers coming up from the Rat team, these men make the prospects for next year pretty good. The introduction of spring wrestling this season by Coach Barnes will do much to improve the condition and tactics of the matmen.

The loss this June by graduation of Captain Talman, Kandel, Witt, and Hill will leave definite gaps in the line-up and these men will be greatly missed next winter. Talman has been a consistent performer at 135 lbs. and 145 lbs. on the varsity squad for the past three years, and this season he made an admirable leader.

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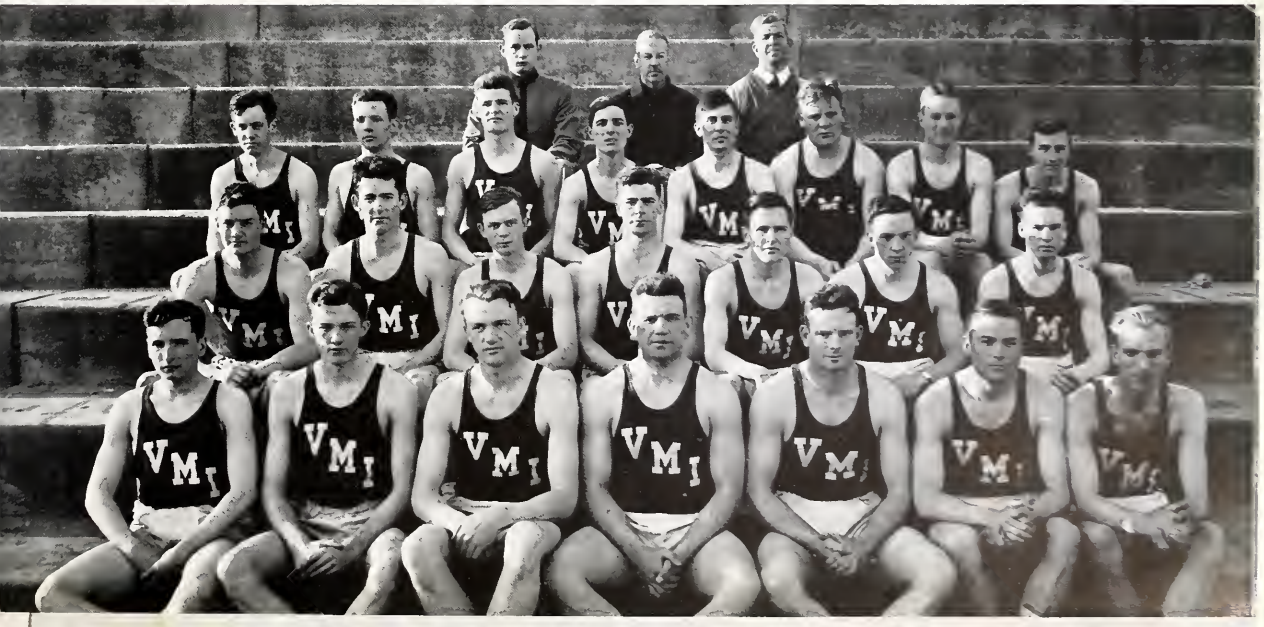
DICK STRICKLER
Captain

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SONNY CARTER
Manager

First Row, left to right: Dirzulaitis, Moses, Saxe, Strickler, (*Captain*), Echols, Haislip, Ferrey
Second Row: Deaderick, Walton, Merchant, Griffith, Dale, Morrison, Read
Third Row: Smith, Kump, Rockwood, Killey, Louthan, Tipton, Pitts, Dance
Fourth Row: Carter (*Manager*), Coach Read, Assistant Coach Laslie





COL. H. M. (SON) READ

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THE TRACK SEASON

RESULTS

	April 1	
V. M. I.	76 1-3; William and Mary	49 2-3
	April 8	
V. M. I.	50 ; Virginia	76
	April 15	
V. M. I.	50 1-2; Maryland	75 1-2
	April 22	
V. M. I.	80 5-6; V. P. I.	45 1-6
	April 29	
V. M. I.	74 5-6; Richmond	51 1-6
	May 13	
	State Meet at Richmond	
	May 20	
	Southern Conference Meet	



STRICKLER KUMP ECHOLS DEADERICK HAISLIP WEAVER SAXE MORRISON FERREY ROCKWOOD MOSES MERCHANT

RESUME

Although hard hit by graduation, which took ten consistent performers from the 1938 team, this year's track squad has by hard work and patient instruction developed beyond early season expectations. Such men as Fish Herring, Al Fiedler, Charlie Spohr, Cary Flythe, and Frank Sayford were greatly missed this spring, but the returning varsity men together with last year's Rat team were moulded by Coach "Son" Read into a formidable combination.

V. M. I. defeated William and Mary at Williamsburg in the first meet by a wide margin. Red Echols took scoring honors with thirteen points.

The powerful University of Virginia tracksters defeated V. M. I. 76 to 50 by virtue of taking more second and third places than the Keydets. Both teams had seven firsts. Captain Dick Strickler won the shot-put as usual, and added a second in the discus to count eight points for V. M. I. Echols also had eight points with a first in the discus and a second in the shot.

Maryland's track team, although weak in the weights, showed superiority in all running events and downed the Cadets 75 1-2 to 50 1-2. Paul Shu with ten points and Strickler with six were V. M. I.'s high scorers.

The meet with V. P. I., usually close and exciting, ended in a Keydet victory by a 80 5-6 to 45 1-6 score this year. The summary showed nine first places for V. M. I. Red Echols' fourteen points led the scoring, while Bob Deaderick won both dashes to get ten more.

V. M. I. beat Richmond on a water-soaked Alumni Field in the final dual meet of the year



WALTON DIRZULAITIS GRIFFITH SMITH LOUTHAN KILLEY DANCE READ DALE PITTS GROOME

by 74 5-6 to 51 1-6. Deaderick and Dale each collected two first places to lead the way to victory. Strickler again took the shot-put, while Haislip and Moses each contributed to the Keydet cause.

Only the State Meet and the Southern Conference Meet remain at the time this is written. From what the team has shown thus far, it seems likely that V. M. I. will finish near the top in the State Meet. Several of the best performers will be sent to the conference meet.

Captain Dick Strickler, Red Echols, Paul Shu and Cliff Weaver have been the outstanding weight men this year. Ferrey and Walton stood out in the 440 while Rockwood and Kump ran the half mile. Moses and Haislip in the low hurdles and Moses and Saxe in the highs were other consistent point getters. Deaderick and Haislip performed ably in the dashes with Dale and Dance taking care of the distances. Saxe and Merchant were the best high jumpers, while Merchant and Pitts did the pole vaulting. Echols and Moses broad jumped in addition to holding down their own specialties.

Six monogram men will be lost at graduation. Dick Strickler, Red Echols, Bill Haislip, Russ Ferrey, Earl Moses, and Nelson Saxe will be hard to replace. However, with some fine material coming up from the new cadet ranks, these gaps may be filled.





BASEBALL

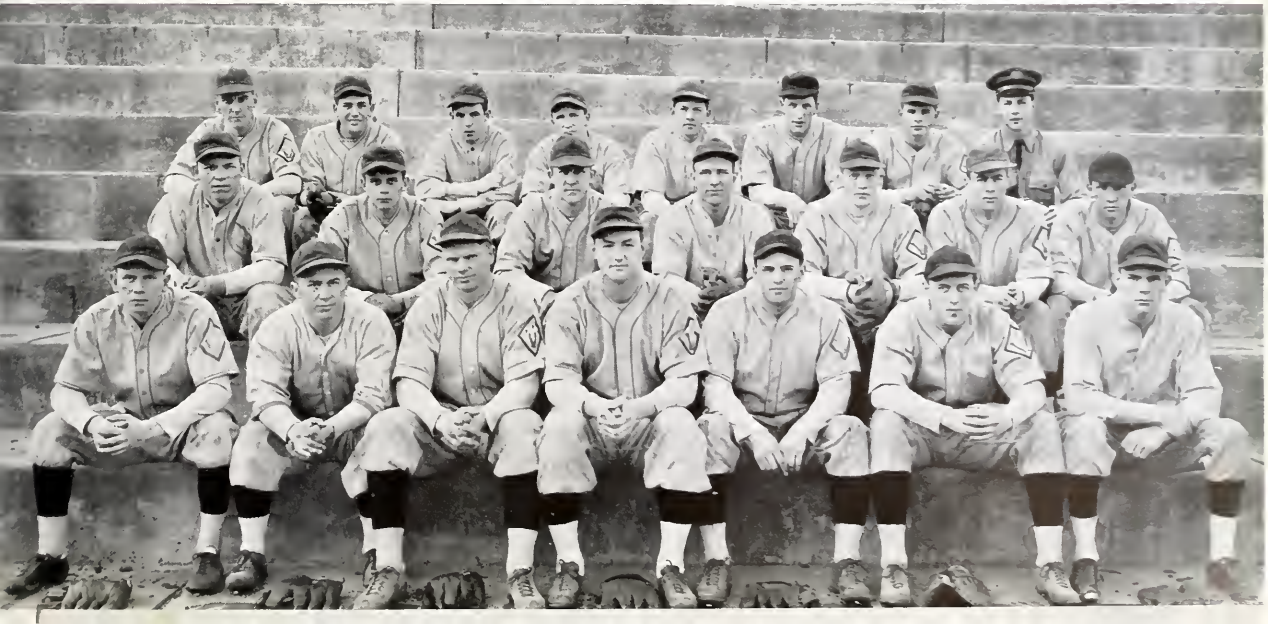
WOODY GRAY
Captain

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PAUL BICKFORD
Manager

First Row, left to right: Jarman, Mitchell, Trzeciak, Gray (Captain), Kovar, Brittingham, Edwards
Second Row: Shu, Simpson, Irby, Heely, Carney, Littrell, Thrift
Third Row: Turner, Miller, Taliaferro, Butler, Lillard, Shelby, Strumpf, Bickford (*Manager*)



THE 1939 BASEBALL SEASON



ALLISON T. (POOLEY) HUBERT
Coach

RESULTS

V. M. I.	10;	Bridgewater	8
V. M. I.	7;	Vermont	3
V. M. I.	11;	William and Mary	9
V. M. I.	4;	Maryland	3
V. M. I.	7;	North Carolina	19
V. M. I.	5;	Virginia	6
V. M. I.	8;	N. C. State	9
V. M. I.	7;	North Carolina	8
V. M. I.	14;	V. P. I.	10
V. M. I.	—;	Richmond	—
V. M. I.	—;	Wake Forest	—
V. M. I.	—;	Virginia	—
V. M. I.	—;	William and Mary	—
V. M. I.	—;	Richmond	—
V. M. I.	—;	Maryland	—
V. M. I.	—;	V. P. I.	—



GRAY TRZECIAK KOVAR EDWARDS IRBY
BRITTINGHAM LITTRELL JARMAN THRIFT STUMPF



HEELY SHU CARNEY MITCHELL SIMPSON SHELBY
BUTLER TURNER LILLARD TALIAFERRO MILLER

RESUME

Varsity baseball practice got under way early despite bad weather and the fact that spring football practice was still requiring the services of several good baseball prospects. Coach Elmore handled the squad until "Pooley" Hubert finished his spring football work.

The biggest problem of the year was the pitching staff. The loss of Roberson and Lugar from last year's team robbed the squad of its two best hurlers, and Jim Brannaman, who won his monogram last year as a pitcher, was declared ineligible. The pitching assignment was handled by Gus Edwards, converted infielder, sophomores Son Shelby and Eddie Stumpf, and John Thrift, who turned in several fine relief hurling jobs last year. At the present time the season is only half over, and the pitchers have already shown promise of rounding into excellent shape, each pitcher having turned in at least one fine performance.

The infield positions are being handled very capably by Brittingham and Simpson at first, Trzeciak at second, Carney, a sophomore, at short, and Mitchell at third. Captain Woody Gray, Kovar, and Shu are taking care of the outfield posts, and Littrell handling the catching. Shu caught for last year's team and is ready to take over the same position in case Littrel should receive any injury. Heely, Irby, Miller, Taliaferro, Turner, and Jarman provide able replacements and bolster the strength of the team.

The predominant feature of the '39 edition of the baseball team is its hitting ability. Captain Woody Gray and "Pounding Paul" Shu are home run artists, and Kovar, Brittingham, Trzeciak, and Carney are all dangerous hitters for any opposing pitcher.

The team got off to a great start by winning its first four games. Bridgewater was beaten in the season's opener 10 to 8, while Vermont was the next victim, bowing by a 7 to 3 count, as Eddie Stumpf hurled four-hit ball. The Keydets rang up a Southern Conference victory by putting on a seventh inning rally to down

William and Mary. Trzeciak and Gray hit hard for V. M. I., while Gus Edwards turned in an excellent pitching performance in a relief role to get credit for the win.

John Thrift tamed the heavy-hitting Maryland nine and scattered out its five safeties to chalk up a 4 to 3 win. Paul Shu's hitting and Bud Kovar's outstanding fielding were features of the Old Liner game. North Carolina handed the Keydets their first setback of the season. The Tar Heels' batting power coupled with V. M. I. errors piled up a big lead. Shelby's relief hurling was quite effective, however. Brittingham hit a home run for V. M. I. with the bases loaded.

Virginia got five unearned runs in the first inning, and the Keydets were not able to overcome the Cavalier lead, losing 6 to 5. Gray and Carney led the hitting for the Barracks team.

V. M. I. dropped a pair of games, each by a one-run margin, on the annual Carolina trip. N. C. State and North Carolina both came from behind to nose out the Cadets.

V. P. I. was beaten in a free scoring contest. Shu, Brittingham, Gray, and Trzeciak paced the Keydet attack.

As this is written, games remain to be played with Richmond and Wake Forest on Alumni Field and return encounters with Virginia, William and Mary, Richmond, Maryland, and V. P. I. Judging by the early season performances and by the team's improved hitting, Coach Hubert's charges should win a good majority of the remaining games.

The 1939 team will go down as one of the best in V. M. I.'s history as a result of its heavy hitting, good pitching, and fine team play.

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CROSS COUNTRY



RUSS FERREY
Captain

This year the V. M. I. harriers were beset with hard luck, which accounts for the record of one win against two defeats. The team was made up entirely of inexperienced first year men with the exception of Rudy Weiss.

Captain Russ Ferrey was struck down with appendicitis, which prevented him from participating for the duration of the season. Likewise afflicted was Charlie Floyd. This left Jimmy Dale, Ben Kump, Charlie Rockwood, Bev Read, Rudy Weiss, and Steve Swift, all new men to the sport, to carry the burden.

In the initial meet they handily defeated Richmond in the only home meet. The next two meets, at the University of Virginia and V. P. I., resulted in defeats for V. M. I. Sixth place in the State meet was V. M. I.'s position, but the determination and the spirit of the runners remained high.

Although the season was not an outstanding success, due to unfortunate circumstances, it proved to be a very valuable asset by experiencing and seasoning a hitherto untried group of runners for an extremely promising season next year.



First Row:
Kump, Rockwood, Dale, Read, Ferrey

Second Row:
Coach Read
Carter (Manager)

SWIMMING TEAM



IRVING
Captain

In its third year as a major sport, the swimming team has turned in a fine record, due entirely to the diligent practice of the team under the skillful coaching of Major Walter Lowry. In spite of the frigid water, the broken diving board, the pool being closed temporarily to head off an epidemic of colds, and the stiff knees and sinus trouble of several on the team, every man stuck it out, and by the time of the first meet, it looked as if V. M. I. really had a promising swimming team.

The season was begun nicely with a 51-24 win over V. P. I., the victorious team being composed of five seniors: Captain Irving, Jones, Hoblitzell, Meem, and Rubira; six juniors: Hardaway, Dominick, White, Faulkner, Braznell, and Pollard; and one sophomore, Stengele. Accidents caused a 48-27 loss to Virginia. The team broke even on the Carolina trip by downing N. C. State 43-32 and then losing to Duke 41-34. V. M. I. outswam U. N. C. with a 52-23 score, but lost the last meet to Clemson, 30-45. The team finished up the season by taking third place in the Southern Conference. Irving, Hardaway, White, and Stengele should be especially praised, for they comprised the unbeaten 400-yard relay team that lowered the Southern Conference record by over four seconds.



Standing, left to right:
Stengele, Faulkner, Dominick, Hardaway, White, Wolcott (Mgr.).

Seated, left to right:
Braznell, Jones, Irving (Captain), Meem, Rubira.

TENNIS TEAM

Four years ago V. M. I. did not have a tennis team, but today it is one of the coming sports of the Institute. In 1937 it was taken under the auspices of the Athletic Association and at that time tennis at V. M. I. began its upward march. Let us give credit to Coach J. B. Cabell, whose patient and helpful instruction was a determining factor in the team's success.

Captain Billy Verell, monogram man in the sport since his third class year, played his usual steady game all season. This year's team was lucky in having Hugh Gantt and Luke Hill, promising sophomores, who filled the places left by Boots Taylor and Dick Booth, of the class of '38. Hugh and Luke, we are looking for you to go places in your next two years of tennis at V. M. I.

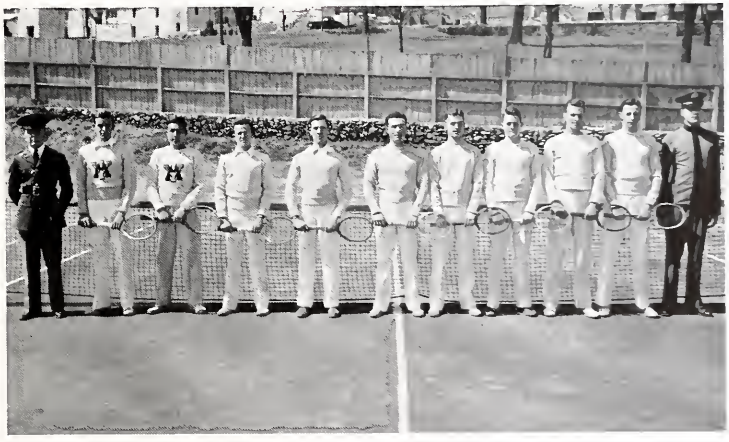
Lee Brayton came through and played fine tennis all year, while Chun Lau and Jimmy Smith could be counted on for points in any match.



BILLY VERELL
Captain

The team opened with an 8 to 1 victory over American University, but was defeated by Dartmouth and University of Virginia; it came back to conquer Loyola College 6 to 1.

Matches are yet to be played with William and Mary, Richmond, Maryland, Wake Forest, Hampden-Sydney, and Emory and Henry.



Left to Right:
Capt. Cabell (Coach)
Verell (Captain)
Lau, Maling, Clark
Smith, Hill
Satterfield
Gantt, Brayton
Peebles (Manager)

RIFLE TEAM



RAY BLACKMON
Captain

The rifle team this winter had the best season that it has enjoyed for several years. It emerged triumphant in the great majority of its numerous postal matches, fired against other collegiate teams throughout the country, bowing by close scores to Navy, Maryland, and Army. In addition, it scored victories in close shoulder-to-shoulder matches with the Harrisonburg Rifle and Pistol Club and the Old Dominion Rifle Club of Richmond. Also, the rifle team made a very creditable showing at the Intercollegiate Rifle Matches in Washington, and stood high in the list of competitors despite the disadvantage of a sudden change in positions and the type of target used.

The turnout for this year's team was surprisingly large, and building around a nucleus of last year's veterans, Sergeant Zollman was able to create one of the finest teams that he has turned out. In addition to Captain Ray Blackmon, other outstanding performers were Love, Aurand, Moser, Drewry, and Stevens. Stevens also had the added distinction of being high scorer in the Hearst Trophy Matches. The team is to be congratulated on its hard work and fine showing, for only thus is the sport kept alive at V. M. I. Great credit is also due Sergeant Zollman for his interest and his patient and invaluable help.



First Row:
Shultz, Stevens
Blackmon (Captain)
Sgt. Zollman (Coach)
Mitchell, Ragland
Love

Second Row:
Dance, Smith, Gompf
Howton, Moser
Arnold

Third Row:
Syme, Drewry
Bailey (Manager)

PISTOL TEAM



OSCAR WEST
Captain

Each year the V. M. I. Pistol Team is selected from the high men on the company intramural teams. This year, due to the great interest shown in the sport by Major Heiner, there were nearly a hundred men firing in the intramural matches, from which an excellent team was selected. Major Heiner also inaugurated a Rat Pistol Team which had a very good season and furnished experience that will stand them in good stead in future varsity matches.

This year's varsity was captained by Oscar West, who was also second high man, shooting a high total for the season of 274. Edens was high man with a 277 and Stevens third with a 273. Smokey Knight, as manager, arranged a busy and successful season for the team. In the mail matches V. M. I. came out about even with the competitors, and won shoulder-to-shoulder matches with the Petersburgh Rifle and Pistol Club and the Third Cavalry at Fort Meyer.

Walter Edens and Jimmy Moser are captain and manager respectively of next year's team. To aid these men, many of this year's veterans will be on the firing line along with new men developed on this year's Rat team, who show promise.

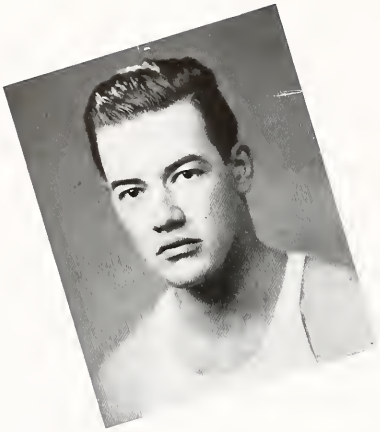


First Row:
Ragland, Riddick
West (Captain)
Maj. Heiner (Coach)
Knight (Manager)
Magoffin, Little

Second Row:
Stevens, Moser
Harris, Edens
Turner, Drewry
Edens

Third Row:
King, Naisawald
Wilkins, Wright

GYM TEAM



WILLIS RIDDICK
Captain

The gym team, working annually from the middle of April until Finals, is V. M. I.'s oldest athletic team, and although gym is no longer an intercollegiate sport, it has made its place in every Finals program a spectacular one. The team works under the direction of Major M. G. Ramey, who is largely responsible for its splendid performance.

This year the team put on an exhibition in Williamsburg. Morrison and Quinn worked individually on the horizontal bar, and May, Riddick, and Nichols on the parallel bars. Nichols would doubtlessly have been the best gymnast ever to attend V. M. I.; he was a Southern A. A. U. champion before entering. His loss will be a great setback to the group.

Several fine artists are outstanding this year: Rubira, Harris, Richards, and O'Keeffe, tumblers; Phil May and Willis Riddick, parallel bar performers; and Richards and Thrasher, with their arm to arm tumbling combinations.

The physical perfection, skill, balance, and coordination which a gymnast attains are equaled in no other sport.



First Row:
Matter, Chapman
Quinn
Riddick (Captain)
Barnes, Fallat
Davis

Second Row:
O'Keeffe, Wills
Glover, May, Hammer
Richards

Third Row:
Wilkins, Totten
Davis, Howton

HORSE SHOW TEAM



JOHN CHILES
Captain

The horse show team at V. M. I. holds a unique place in the extra-curricular activities of the Corps. This year, under the guiding and able hand of Captain Morton, the best riders from the cavalry and the artillery units were selected and carefully schooled.

A team of eight men, consisting of Captain Chiles, West, Kadick, Becker, Hughes, Darden, Edens, and Barksdale, was sent to Richmond to participate in the Deep Run Hunt trials in late October. The team showed up exceptionally well in all events, and its members were complimented highly for the excellent horsemanship shown. Although Hughes was the only man to take individual honors, valuable experience was gained, and the remainder of the team received much applause from the spectators.

The next show for the team was at the Glenmore Hunt Club Hunter Trials in Staunton. Cadets Chiles, West, Edens, and Barksdale were the able representatives who participated in this gala affair, and again the boys in grey came out with many compliments.

To the state-wide horse show in Lynchburg went West, Hughes, Darden, Kadick, and Edens. In the remaining shows, namely, Hollins, Southern Seminary, V. P. I., and Finals, the entire team is expected to see quite a bit of action.



Left to Right:
Barnes, Becker
Barksdale, West
Haley, Hughes
Capt. Morton (Coach)
Chiles (Captain)
Edens, Kadick, Darden
O'Connor, Kandel

THE POLO TEAM



MAC TABB
Captain

The polo squad at the end of the past year found itself minus its coach, Captain Horton, who reorganized polo here at the Institute and coached the team for the past two seasons. The job of coaching was taken over by Captain Thayer, who has done very fine work in this capacity. He was faced with the loss of most of the regular players, namely, "Tango" Smith, "Cherry" Charrington and Dick Hutchinson. So he started the fall season with the training of the old ponies and trying to find some likely prospects among the new remounts issued to the Institute. At the same time last year's substitutes were being groomed to take the places of the regulars lost from the squad.

The spring season opened with a call for new men and the barracks responded with fifty men reporting to try their hand at one of the fastest and hardest games played at the Institute. Captain Thayer worked these men for two weeks, finally picking five new men to the squad.

The squad was made up of the following men: Captain Mac Tabb, "Babe" Kerr, "Podo" Emerson, Heber Thornton, Greenwood, Hardaway, P. B. May, Downing, Keesee, Jacobs, Stengele, Puller, Hughes, White, Shultz, Thompson, and Val Parham, manager.



First Row:
Parham (Manager)
White, Kerr, Downing
Tabb, Emerson
Hardaway, May
Capt. Thayer (Coach)

Second Row:
Jacobs, Stengele
Shultz, Thornton
Keesee, Moncure
Hughes

RAT FOOTBALL

The Rat team, coached by Albert Elmore and Col. Heflin, won two of five games and gained praise for alert, aggressive play against heavier and more experienced opponents.

Although outplaying their opponents throughout a great part of the game, the Baby Squadron lost its opening fight to the University of Virginia freshmen 7-6. Virginia scored first in the third quarter, and soon after Catlett tallied for V. M. I. on a pass from Pritchard; the latter's extra point try was wide. Later Pritchard missed a difficult field goal attempt by inches.

The Little Red Team showed plenty of power defensively and offensively in defeating the W. and M. Division in Norfolk 14-0. Catlett scored twice and Pritchard converted both times. Two more touchdowns failed by inches.

Playing against the strongest freshman team in Carolina or Virginia, the Rats covered themselves with glory by holding the Little Deacons scoreless in the first half. Pritchard's beautiful running and passing were constant scoring threats. V. M. I. was in scoring position twice later, but Wake Forest tightened down and held.

The University of Maryland freshmen made the most of a weight advantage on a muddy field to defeat the V. M. I. Rats 13-6. Nugent scored V. M. I.'s lone touchdown, although the Little Keydets threatened to score several times. The line play of Banks, Walker and Skladany was outstanding as well as the performance of the backfield.

The Little Keydets, superior in every department and playing inspired football, defeated one of the best V. P. I. frosh teams for the last few years 13-6. "Bosh" Pritchard led his teammates and scored the winning touchdown.

Every man played his position well and showed the spirit typical of the team.



First Row, left to right:
F. C. Jones, Deahl
Banks, Skladany
(Captain), Snedeker,
Walker, Bunch

Second Row:
Parker, Pritchard
Mathews, Nugent
Catlett, Sutherland
Dillard, Donald

Third Row:
Sheahan, Dorrier
Lapp, Drake, Purdum
Baker, Baer, Love

Fourth Row: Tosti
Gilliam, Wilson
Cabell, Hagan
Wray, Leech
T. R. Jones

Fifth Row:
Coaches Heflin and
Elmore

RAT BASKETBALL

Although winning only four of its ten games, the 1939 Rat basketball team under the tutelage of Coach A. B. Elmore, developed into a fairly formidable aggregation.

Starting slowly and playing the first two games without the services of Pritchard and Catlett, the Rats lost to Glass High of Lynchburg and the University of Virginia freshmen. The Little Red Team was no match for the powerful Greenbrier quintet, but went down fighting and took its third straight defeat.

The team took on new life the next week and beat the V. P. I. freshmen in '94 Hall. Catlett's fine all-round play was the highlight of the game. A return game with Greenbrier found the Little Keydets again outclassed, as they could not match the height and floor work of the prep school team.

The V. P. I. freshmen were winners over the Rats in an exciting contest played in Blacksburg by a 37 to 36 count. The last half was a "see-saw" affair, with the lead changing hands several times.

The Keydets then began playing a better brand of ball as they ran up three straight wins. Twice the Jefferson High team from Roanoke fell before the determined attack of the Cadet cagers. Glass High was likewise beaten to avenge the early season defeat.

The Virginia freshmen rallied in the closing minutes to down the Rats 40 to 35 in the final game of the season.

Captain Warren Pike, Bosh Pritchard, Jim O'Keeffe, Ralph Jones, and Nelson Catlett stood out all during the season and should make excellent varsity material next year. Stallings and Woodward saw action in all ten games.



First Row, left to right: O'Keeffe, Stallings, Parker, Catlett, Pike (*Captain*), Sexton, Grindle, Leech, Geary
Second Row: Elmore (*Coach*), Pritchard, Young, Oakey, Wilson, Byrd, Jones, Woodward, Weller, Matthews, Ellerson (*Manager*)

RAT WRESTLING

Lieutenant - Colonel Heflin, veteran coach, performed his annual feat of turning out an aggressive, well-balanced group of wrestlers from a squad which had no previous experience. The team was captained by Banks, 165-pounder, and should provide some able replacements for the varsity next year. Among those showing marked ability were John McCullough, Jimmy Dorrier, John Embrey, and Billy Walker. Walker was closely pushed for the right to wrestle the heavyweight division by Deahl.

Due to the cancellation of two matches with Augusta Military Academy, only three matches were held. In their initial appearance V. M. I. defeated V. P. I. 29-3. Walker decisioned his opponent, although giving him nearly twenty pounds advantage. Embrey started V. M. I. off by gaining a fall, while Banks, Wilson, and Sutherland also won by falls.

In their second match, the first year matmen decisively defeated Navy's Plebes 21-11. Hughes, McCullough, and Dorrier won by falls, while Walker and Embrey took decisions.

The University of North Carolina freshmen defeated V. M. I.'s yearlings by the close score of 19-15 to capture the unofficial Southern Conference freshman wrestling title and hand a V. M. I. Rat wrestling team its first defeat in the past two years. All of V. M. I.'s points came as a result of falls when Edwards, Dorrier, and Walker pinned their men, and if V. M. I. had won one more bout the score would have showed a Keydet victory.

Thus the team turned in a record of two wins and one loss and showed the same fight which has kept V. M. I. teams at the top. Colonel Heflin's fine work as coach should receive much credit.



First Row, left to right: Embrey, Hughes, McCullough, Edwards, Wilson, Banks (Captain), Dorrier, Walker
Second Row: Col. Heflin (*Coach*), Jeschke, Hooker, Sutherland, Skladany, Deahl, Flood, Morse, Lapp, Bassich, Barefield (*Manager*)

RAT TRACK

The V. M. I. Rats won their initial meet against the William and Mary Papooses by a comfortable score of 96-20, completely swamping opposition and allowing only one first place to be scored against them. In the second meet of the season, the Baby Keydets lost a thrilling contest by virtue of one first place, that of the discus, to the strong Cavalier freshmen by the close score of 61-56. The Rats' losing streak was short-lived, however, and they came back strongly to win over Glass High of Lynchburg by a decisive score of 86-31.

Son Read's baby trackmen completely snowed V. P. I.'s freshmen under to continue their winning streak. Again the discus proved to be the Rats' weak spot, being the only event in which they failed to place and to take first. The score, 84 1-2 to 32 1-2, is the highest that a V. M. I. Rat track team has enjoyed over the Tech freshmen for several years.

"Bosh" Pritchard, potential four sport letterman, paced the squad the entire season with his consistent winning in the dashes and the broad jump. Barclay is an excellent prospect for the varsity in that he is the best hurdler that Coach Read has handled in the past several seasons. Both Pike and Edwards have approached the varsity mark in the pole vault, and should prove valuable for next year. Walker has been undefeated in the shot, and Catlett in the javelin. Jones is an excellent distance man, and is well supported by Zmeeker, miler and half-mile pacer.

With three possible Southern Conference champions in Barclay, Catlett, and Jones, Coach Read is working his squad hard in preparation for the conference meet in the middle of May as this is sent to press.



First Row, left to right: Hughes, Embrey, Pritchard, Tosti, Zmeeker, Davis, Carmine, Pike, Oakey, Dillard
Second Row: Young, Walker, Swain, Chewning, Wright, M. Jones, Guy, Satterfield, Jones
Third Row: Bassich, Edwards, Smith, Sutherland, Stumpf, Folkes, Catlett
Fourth Row: Walker (*Manager*), Col. Read (*Coach*), Laslie (*Assistant Coach*)

RAT CROSS COUNTRY

A large part of the success of the Rat Cross Country Team must go to Colonel Read, who took a group of boys who had never run cross country before and developed them into state champions. The splendid interest and cooperation of these boys contributed greatly to the team's success.

The team participated in only two meets during the season, one being with Virginia and William and Mary in Charlottesville, and the other being the state meet at Washington and Lee.

Eddie Swain ran first for V. M. I. in both of the meets, and was followed closely by Ed Jones and Meriwether Jones. Hughes, Embrey, Edwards, and Bassick were also well up in the finish of the races.

The whole team was very well balanced, and all of the men learned one of the most important things in cross country running, to stay together and up in front during the race.

With such a splendid record behind them this year, all of these men should be valuable assets to the varsity harriers next year.

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First Row, left to right: Embrey, Hughes, Swain, Jones, Edwards
Second Row: Col. Read (*Coach*), M. Jones, Bassich, Walker (*Manager*)

RAT BASEBALL

The V. M. I. Rat team had a decided pick-up this year. The first year ball club was the best the school has had for a number of years. With their early season mentor, Jim Branaman, and their experienced coach, Elmore, the Rats rounded out into an especially hard hitting bunch. As usual, a preseason squad was composed of green but willing boys. Coach Elmore's stress upon batting and fast fielding made them a smooth combination to match any opponent. With a bang-up start of winning three straight games, the Rats got off to a highly successful season. By carrying on their fine start, the Rats have made an admirable record. Indeed, Coach Elmore and the school should be proud of the "little nine's" work.

Always with an eye for next year, the chances for the Rats to make the varsity squad are right fair. The team shows some fine material, but several of Elmore's proteges stood out particularly well. Catlett turned in a fine performance behind the plate. Jones at first and Wray at third were strong on infielding; Dorrier excelled in the outfield, while Spessard and Pritchard handled the pitching equally well. Next year we hope the varsity will have openings for these players, but it's a tough fight. The Corps is counting on these Rats to continue their heavy slugging there.

Coach Elmore, who has handled the Rat teams for several years, should especially be congratulated on this year's aggregation. The players themselves, who practiced hard and faithfully, should be praised for their fine teamwork and batting. If next year's nine aims at this year's record they will have a high goal to attain. We congratulate the Rats and Elmore.



First Row: Williams, Jones, Leech, McCullough, Dorrier, Naisawald, Nugent, Catlett
Second Row: Jeschke, Woodward, Byrd, Brown, Wray, Moore, Spessard
Third Row: Tucker (manager), King, Williams, Hooker, Vestal, King, Williams, Pickett, Elmore (coach)

INTRAMURAL SPORTS



MAJOR M. G. RAMEY
Director

The intramural sports at V. M. I. are handled by the Intramural Council, which is composed of a senior manager and a company manager from each company. Major Ramey, who is Director of Intramural Athletics, acts more or less as chairman of the council and is largely responsible for the success and excellence of intramural athletics at V. M. I. He is ably assisted by Captain Vose.

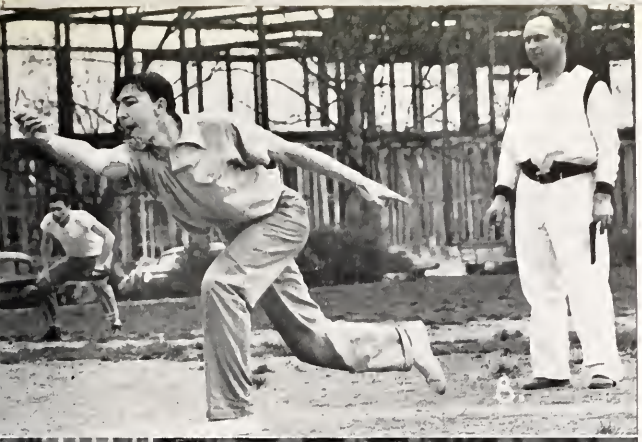
The Intramural Council in regular meetings settles questions of schedules, eligibility, rules and methods of play, conduct of games, and any disputes which may arise. The individual managers are responsible for directing their companies' teams.

It is the aim of the council to have every cadet participate in intramural sports. The extent to which this aim is realized is gratifying.



Seated, left to right: Love, Moses, Diuguid, Talman, Babcock, Golladay, Emerson
Standing: Jarman, Hudgins, Edwards, Major Ramey, Captain Vose, Diggs, Riddick, Knowles


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INTRAMURALS SNAPS

1. Two points for the gray shirts.
2. Vertical parallel work.
3. A champion.
4. Strenuous game, this handball.
5. Intramural tennis.
6. Competitive tumbling is an intramural sport, too.
7. One-two-three strikes and out!
8. Podo pitching.
9. A trifle rough, but it's good for you.
10. Water polo.
11. Graceful gymnastics.





ACTIVITIES



MAJOR-GENERAL JOHN A. LEJEUNE

1929-1938

Born January 10, 1867, in Pointe Coupee Parish, Louisiana; reared on a cotton plantation and received his primary education from his mother; attended preparatory school at the Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, 1883, continuing there through his sophomore year; entered Naval Academy, 1884, graduating in June, 1888; served two years as a naval cadet; commissioned as Second Lieutenant in Marine Corps, July 1, 1890; as First Lieutenant, served on U. S. S. *Cincinnati* in Spanish War; as Major in 1903, commanded the battalion of Marines that landed on the Isthmus of Panama at the time of the separation of that country from Colombia; as Lieutenant-Colonel, commanded Marines in Philippine Islands, 1908-'09; graduated from War College, 1910; detailed with army in the occupation of Vera Cruz, Mexico, 1914; commanded Second Division, A. E. F., in World War, from July, 1918, to August, 1919; Major-General and Commandant of Marines, July 1, 1920, to July 1, 1929; Superintendent of V. M. I., 1929-1938.



WEST SIDE OF BARRACKS, 1917 NICHOLS ENGINEERING HALL





ORGANIZATIONS

THE HONOR COURT

Nothing is more an integral part of V. M. I. than its high code of honor, upheld with almost fanatic zeal by the corps of cadets through its Honor Court. Stronger than the spirit, the loyalties, and the tradition, the honor system is the very essence of our existence here. It is the guiding factor in our four-year cadetship, and when we leave we carry with us the oldest and finest principle in the history of mankind—that of honor. Should ever our sense of high moral integrity falter, the very foundations of the Institute, which for these hundreds long years have withstood all ravages of time, would totter, and the glorious V. M. I. which we all revere and love so much would cease to exist. Come the time when the word of a V. M. I. man can be questioned and thousands of stout hearts break the world over. Under the system as it exists today the fourth classmen are at once impressed with the supreme importance of their trust and with the high standards which are to be required of them. Throughout their cadetship their lives are untainted by suspicion and mistrust, and each comes to realize the inestimable value of honor in all his dealings. He finds that there are only two ways of doing things, the wrong way and the V. M. I. way, and he leaves here with a worthy criterion that will always remain his guide.

The strength of the honor system lies in the fact that it is an organ of the cadet body itself, a system of the Corps, for the Corps, and by the Corps. As the nucleus of this powerful system we have the Honor Court, a group selected from the several classes whose trust it is to uphold the high honor code and to pass on such questions of honor as may come before it. This impressive group is composed of men whose integrity and equitable sense of values is outstanding, men who have earned the undying respect of their Brother Rats and of the Corps at large.

To say that the men on the court must be of unquestionable character is unnecessary. They lend strength to their position and cause, not through the rats, but rather through the example which they set. Being members of the Corps, they are fully able to understand and cope with any situation which might arise, and are in a position to give a fair, unbiased opinion. In their hands rests the welfare of V. M. I., and their only interest is to preserve it, a function which they have performed so honorably throughout the glorious century of our history.



Seated, left to right: Tice, Riddleberger, Irving (*President*), Gray, Bond, Hudgins
Standing: Navas, Prideaux, Flinn, Merchant, Heely



Seated, left to right: Navas, Tice, Riddleberger, Irving, Gray, Bond, Hudgins
Standing: Prideaux, Flinn, Merchant, Heely, Clark

Next in importance to the Honor Court in the life of the Corps is the General Committee. This body of cadets was established to protect V. M. I. traditions, class privileges, and the reputation of the Corps. It, of course, does not deal with questions of honor; however, it does concern itself with those relating to courtesy. It also enforces all generally accepted new cadet customs.

The General Committee has sanely and thoughtfully taken the place of the hazing which before was so liable to become a vicious and abused means of enforcing discipline. It is by no means an inquisition, but rather a modern tribunal which shows no partiality. Meeting on periodic Saturday nights throughout the year, the court is composed of the Honor Court members of the first class and the officers of the second and third classes.

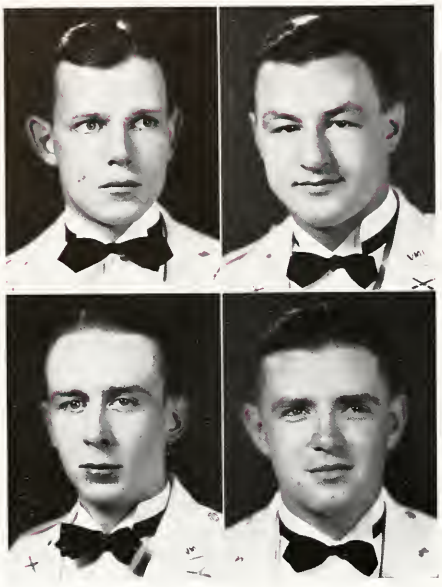
But the General Committee is not only a disciplinary body. It endeavors to prevent violations of its rules which it would otherwise be called on to punish by not only gladly interpreting any doubtful points of cadet law, but by setting the example for others to emulate.

At the earliest possible date during their first few weeks of orientation, the fourth class is informed of the rules of the General Committee. They then become acquainted with the traditions which every V. M. I. man holds so dear, the hard-won and jealously guarded class privileges, and the reputation which makes V. M. I. an object of admiration to both the Corps and the friends of the Institute. The standards have been set. To live up to them is a difficult matter, one requiring courage and fortitude, yet a matter in which the whole Corps takes pride.

The General Committee, like the Honor Court, derives authority from the Superintendent. It is fully empowered to deliver the penalties, confinements, and tours which it imposes for failure to abide by the regulations. The General Committee has the full cooperation of the Corps; it is considered the duty of each cadet to report all violations of the rules which are posted on the lockers in every room in barracks.

By its legislation concerning the public conduct of V. M. I. cadets, the General Committee has set up a code of ethics which is of inestimable value in later life; the rules concerning class privileges foster a spirit of sportsmanship and courtesy for which V. M. I. men are noted; and the traditions which it maintains give background and breeding to every cadet. In its quiet, effective, and efficient way, the General Committee makes V. M. I. a school of, by, and for gentlemen.

THE GENERAL COMMITTEE



DIGGES
President

GRAY
Vice-President

HASTINGS
Business Manager

BOND
Treasurer

HOP COMMITTEE

Responsibility for all dances given during the year rests on the Hop Committee, which is composed of the men on the previous year's Second Class Finance Committee. The 1939 Hop Committee initiated a new practice by taking over the duties beginning with Finals, thus relieving the graduating first classmen of responsibility.

Finals of 1938 saw Jimmie Dorsey and Will Osborne supplying the music for one of the most successful sets in years. To Openings came Blue Barron with "Music of Yesterday and Today . . ." while Will Osborne reappeared for the important Ring Figure dances at Thanksgiving. Bunny Berrigan provided swing for Midwinters, and finally came the incomparable Larry Clinton for Easters. For those informal but indispensable First Class Hops the Commanders showed their ability to fill the same orchestra stand that had held the bigger bands.

To the 1940 Hop Committee the committee of '39 leaves a tradition and a responsibility.



Seated, left to right: Chiles, Bond, Gray, Digges, Hastings, Jarman, Morrison
First row, standing: Baldwin, Bernard, Mitchell, Edwards, Slaughter, Littrell, Meem, Brittingham
Second Row, standing: Hudgins, Johnson, Ellerson, Parham, Ellis, Tabb, McCarthy, Burgess, Moseley, Riddleberger (*absent*)



Seated, left to right: Simpson, Turner, Flinn, Fallat, Brown, Merchant, Heely, Barksdale, Keesee
Standing: O'Connor, Vincent, Waters, Flowers, Thompson, Downing, Cowart, Edens, Walker, Larrick, Thrift, Gray, VanPatten, Garland, Baldwin, Moser, Torrington, Miller

Service is the unofficial motto of the Second Class Finance Committee. This group showed a high degree of efficiency in carrying out its double duty of financing the two big hop sets of the year, Ring Figure on Thanksgiving week-end and Finals, and at the same time operating many convenient services for the Corps.

The list of the services they furnished includes many diverse items. Eddie O'Connor handled the delivery and subscription fees for all newspapers, and in doing so kept the Corps extremely well posted on current events. Almost any magazine could be delivered by Sid Vincent, and nearly every room subscribed to one or two.

The movies regularly presented on all free nights filled a need for diversion that can be satisfied in no other way. This year the quality of the pictures Buck Thompson booked hit a new high in popular opinion. Attractive and distinctive stationery and Christmas cards were also sold by members of the Committee.

The Blue Room, where refreshments could be bought during hops prospered under Allen Keesee's supervision, and the delivery of flowers to dates during dances was managed by John Cowart and Toddy Walker. The funds from the Second Class Show were added to the proceeds from the various concessions, and will revert to the treasury of the 1940 Hop Committee.



SECOND CLASS FINANCE COMMITTEE

BROWN, Chairman
FALLAT, Treasurer

OFFICERS OF THE GUARD



GENE HUDGINS
President

As familiar as the cadets in grey, more necessary than the O. D.'s bray, monuments of duty throughout the day: We proudly present the Institute's very own, those of the red sash who faithfully take the guard teams through storms, fires, and shirt-tail parades. These sterling First Classmen day by day prove to those in doubt that a capable, courageous, and conscientious caretaker of the barracks guard is a necessary requirement for any "superior" guard tour.

Banquets come and banquets go, but the annual dinner given by the O. G.'s Association will be looked back upon as a highlight. This year the group was honored by the presence of Major Leslie German and Coach Sam Barnes, both adding immeasurably to the rollicking occasion. One of them, however, not only added something to but also took something away from the dinner—outwitting all other entries in the evening's contest, Major German walked away with the O. G.'s coveted loving cup.

There will be others to fill their places in the years to come, but the O. G.'s of '39 can proudly point to a record that will be hard to beat.





The Class of Forty chose straight comedy for its dramatic presentation to the Easter Hop crowd. The play chosen turned out to be that perennial favorite, "Charley's Aunt," by Brandon Thomas. Most years this entertainment results in a group of homemade skits, but Malcolm McKinnon, the director, decided to court the laughter of the crowd in a more formal manner.

Ralph Sessoms took the lead as *Jack Chesney* and John MacRae portrayed *Lord Fancourt Babberly* in almost a professional manner. The play is a light story of an impersonation of a wealthy Brazilian widow by a student at St. Olde's College at Oxford. MacRae played the student who impersonates the old woman in order to help Sessoms, and Larry Goldsmith as *Charley Wykeman,* another undergraduate, win the favor of *Kitty Verdun* (F. P. Rhett) and *Amy Spettigue* (L. B. Crafton).

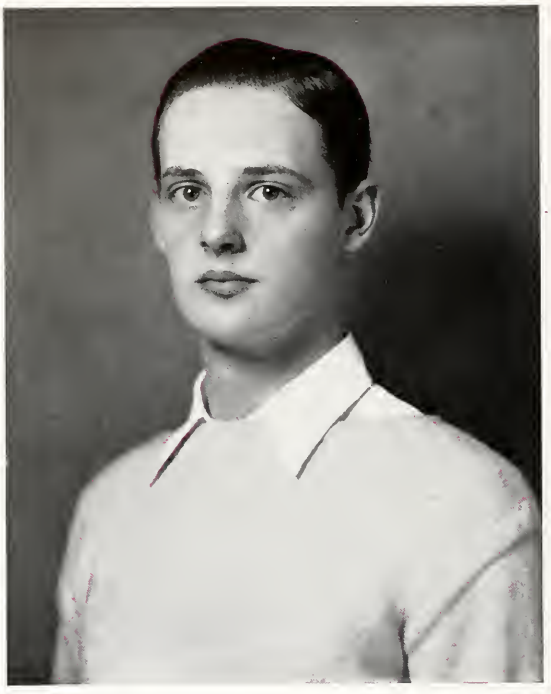
The plot was complicated by the efforts of *Mr. Stephen Spettigue* (John Bowman), who is the guardian of *Kitty* and the uncle of *Amy,* to prevent any romance bursting into bloom. *Fancourt* is drafted to impersonate *Charley's* aunt when she fails to arrive and act as chaperone. He performs so well that *Mr. Spettigue* and *Sir Francis Chesney* (Andy Turner) propose on the basis that he is a wealthy widow. The late arrival of *Charley's* real aunt (D. S. Conner) and *Babberly's* sweetheart (R. D. Patton) complicate matters, but they quickly straighten out at the end.

MacRae's ad libbing added much to the Corps' enjoyment of the show. Other actors were Ben Harvey as *Brassett,* a butler, E. S. Granger as *Farmer,* another butler, and G. L. Newbold as *Maud,* a maid.

Much credit is due the technical staff. Malcolm B. MacKinnon did a superb job of directing, assisted by W. G. Reynolds. E. I. Brown served as business manager and A. G. Fallat assisted him. Charlie Beach managed the properties and D. G. McMillin handled the publicity. Other members of the technical staff were: V. J. Thompson and F. R. Torrington, program managers; W. S. Griffith, electrician; H. E. McCredy, assistant electrician; J. W. Kohnstamm, stage manager; E. B. Bradford, assistant stage manager; R. T. Wright, R. P. Smith, J. H. Grant, L. G. Porter, and A. H. Williams, stage crew. Colonel T. A. E. Moseley and Captain H. N. Dillard served as faculty advisers and Bailey Barnes, of the first class, gave valuable aid with the stage props.

SECOND CLASS SHOW

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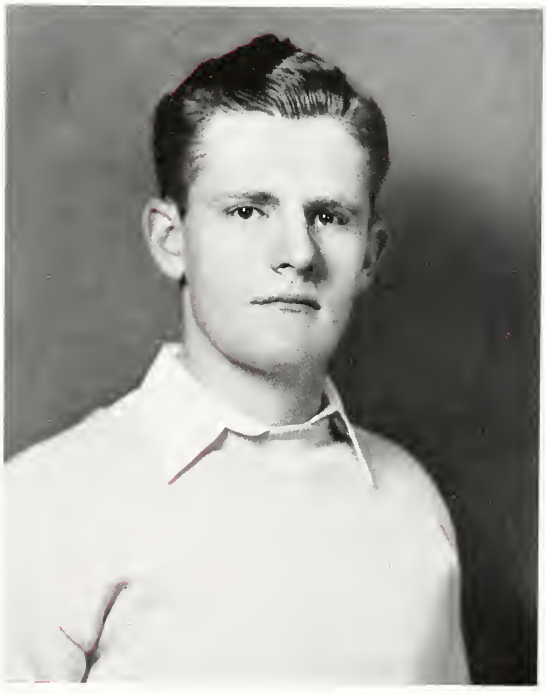
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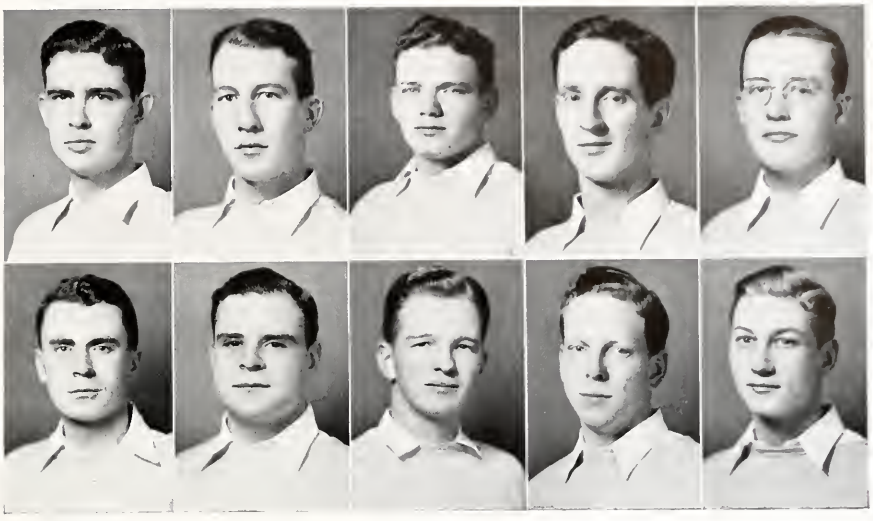
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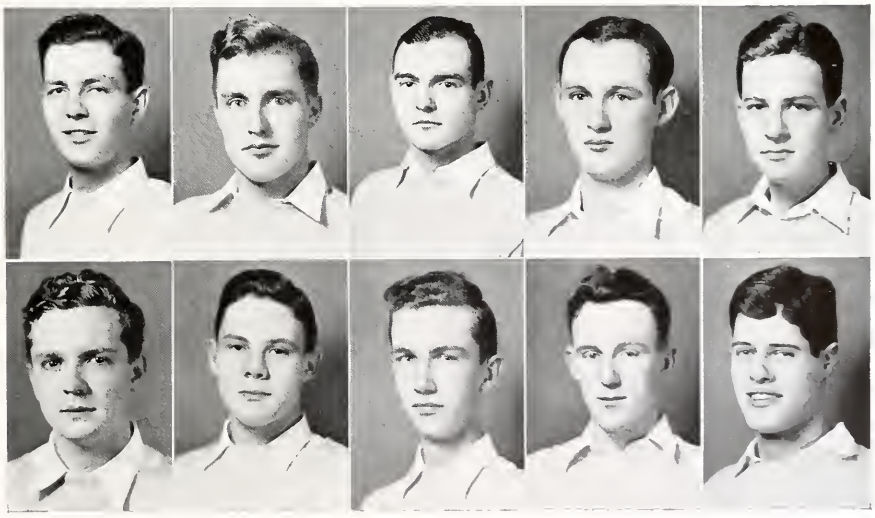
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THE SECRET EIGHT

"Bomb in the courtyard!" No, it's not an air raid, nor a shock troop attack when this sharp call echoes through barracks. It is the work of the Secret Eight. That cry represents months of careful planning, cautious buying, and exacting workmanship. A three-minute fuse, not more than a pound of powder, and a suitable binder all must be obtained, hidden and worked secretly into the finished product. Fireworks manufacturers sometimes oblige and meet the specifications.

The night and the hour and the Sub must also be carefully chosen and plans laid to reduce the possibilities of getting caught to a minimum. The Secret Eight unbeknownst to the greater part of barracks plans all these points, and plans them well, for dismissal is the penalty for improperly formulated schemes.

Founded on traditions though it is, here is one upon which the authorities frown. At the turn of the century, it became the custom for each class to throw a bomb for every year since 1900. Each year found it a more difficult task, until now when fulfillment of the tradition is nearly an impossibility.

Although usually associated with bomb throwing, the name Secret Eight is often correlated with other irregularities at V. M. I. The majority of fireworks are usually thrown by a select group well versed in dropping the firecracker, attached to a cigarette, innocently behind a post and then continuing along unnoticed. The loss of the sentry box and retaliation for depradations on our own school are attributed to organizations which are outgrowths of the Secret Eight.



First Row, left to right: Irwin, VanHoose, Baldwin, Harkrader, Pritchett, Handy
Second Row: Camp, McMillin, Cook, Mitchell, Hundley, Shu



Each exam period singles out a group of cadets and sends them back over the rough roads they had hoped to be traveling for the last time. Math, physics, chemistry, they all do it! Each course selects its individuals; sometimes more than one subject places a claim on the individual's summer, and there is no alternative but the Floating U.

They are a loyal group, these members of the summer school, and many are the unbelievable tales of events through the summer. The deeds of the brothers in Lexington and vicinity supply subject-matter for many autumn bull sessions, for the military system does not function in the summer, and midnight sallies, sprees, and excursions are considered conducive to the proper frame of mind for study. Amazing stories of the capabilities of the brothers along non-academic lines lend spice and humor to the sessions.

In spite of all these stories a large percentage of the boys are back in barracks with a clean slate in the fall. Those who are not, blame it on other things, a "chicken" exam, a prejudiced instructor possibly, but never on the life during the summer. No, not that, for there are far too many who claim that the spirits, good or bad, had helped them through. Numerous are the stories of men who thought lamp posts were integration signs the night before, and yet the next morning took the examinations in full stride getting grades well above that needed to pass. Each set of summer school exams singles out its victims, but they are seldom privileged to travel the roads again, they must seek the paved highways or repeat the year. Those on the paved highways often turn envious eyes of those fortunate enough to remain at V. M. I.

THE FLOATING UNIVERSITY

V. M. I. COMMANDERS



DUDLEY P. DIGGES
Director and Manager

Under the careful guidance of "Dud" Digges, the Commanders had an unusually good season with the possible exception of one ill-fated trip to Raleigh. Strengthened by the veterans of former years, who after last year's shake-up had found their places, with Cronin at first sax, Digges at trombone, Hatfield back again to the bull fiddle after a year's furlough in the trumpet section, Burnett assuming the duties of first trumpet, and with "Sug" Allen, recruited from the chemistry stockroom, at the piano, "Dud" had a masterful nucleus around which to build. Hensley, Jack Johnson, and Booker filled out the sax section, Menk took care of the second trumpet, Al Carr at guitar, Nelson at the drums, and Jimmy Bailey supplying the vocals completed a well-balanced orchestra. Aside from the V. M. I. First Class Hops the Commanders play for many of the local schools.





THE V. M. I. GLEE CLUB



MRS. M. G. RAMEY
Director

Under the able guidance of Mrs. M. G. Ramey and the sponsorship of Major M. G. Ramey, the Glee Club completed its second successful year. Larry Mathews was elected President; Bob Smith, Vice-President; Watt Ellerson, Business Manager, and Fred Adams, Secretary. Roy Carter, Bob Smith, and Keith Willis were the soloists.

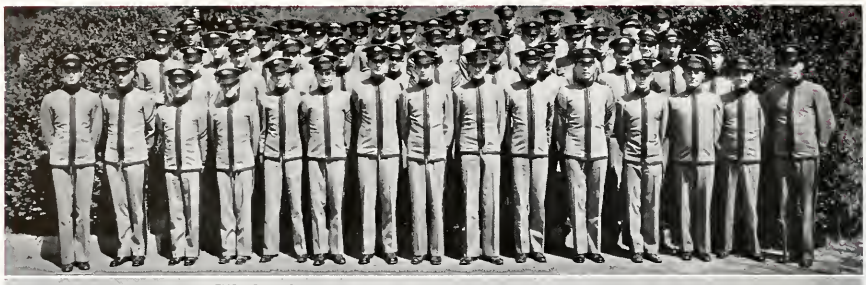
The most appreciated program, at least to the Corps, was the singing of the Christmas Carols in the courtyard at Taps the night before the Corps left on Christmas furlough. Appreciation for their selections was not, however, restricted to V. M. I., for the Glee Club was received enthusiastically throughout the state, singing at Richmond, Norfolk, the Apple Blossom Festival, and Roanoke.

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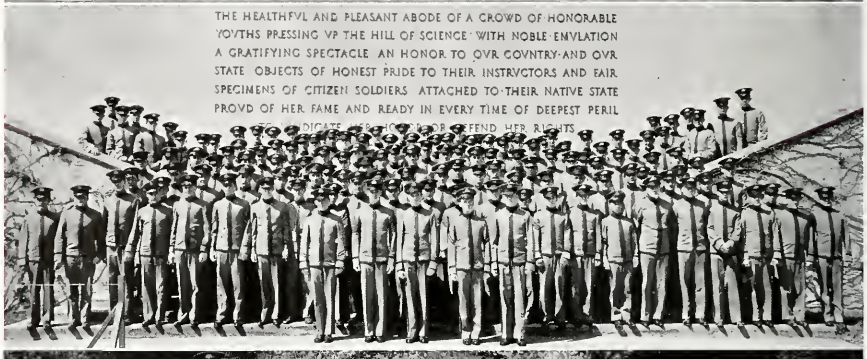


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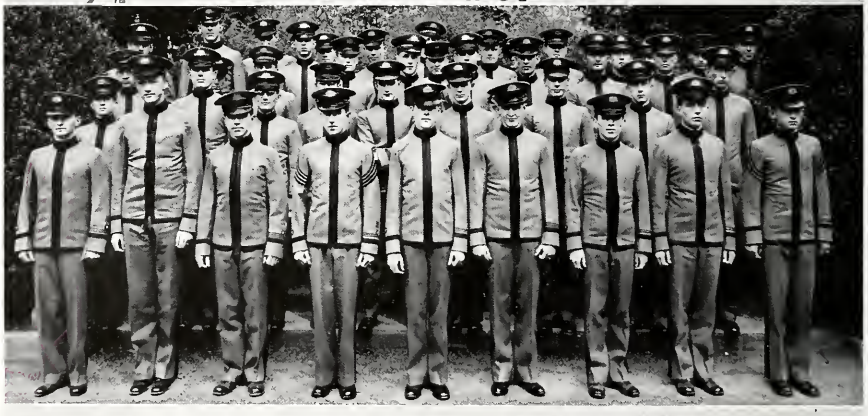


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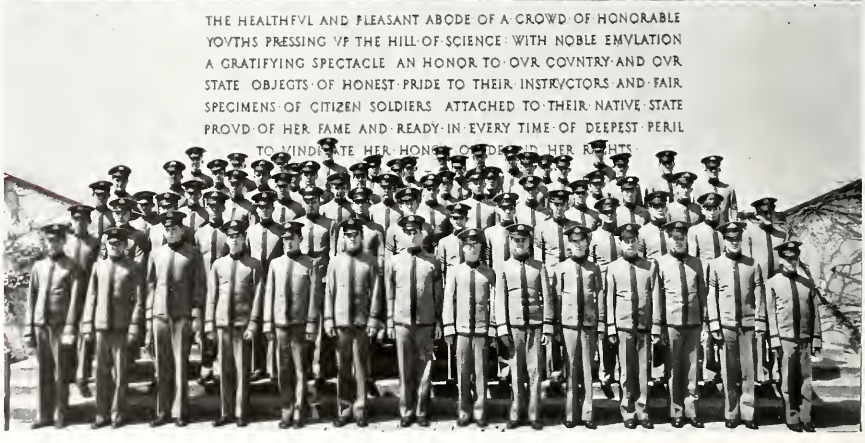
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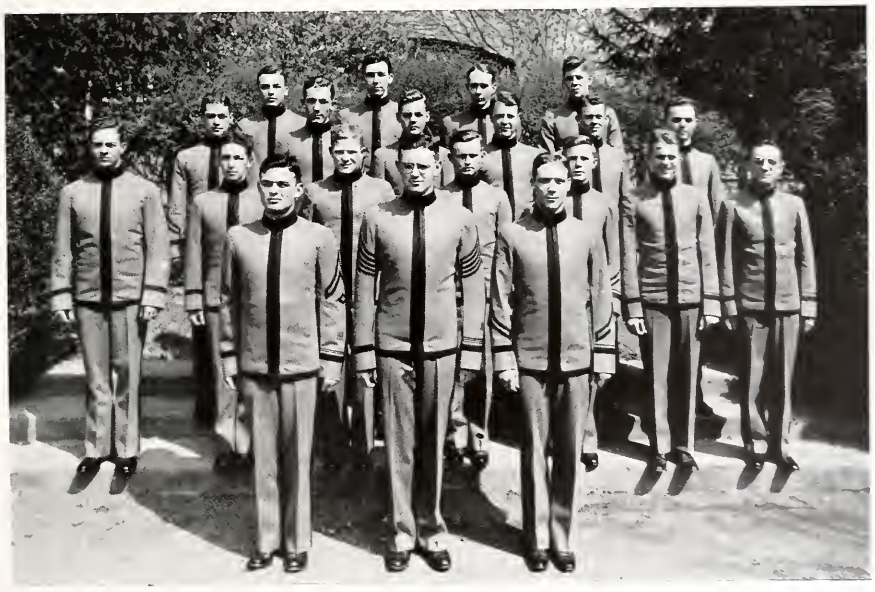
THE TEXAS CLUB

"Let's have an 'Old Yell' for Texas," and another meeting of the Texas Club has come to an end. And those hardy Texans can really give a lusty "Old Yell" for their native state.

Texas has a better representation in barracks than any other state. In numbers it is exceeded only by New York and Virginia. In activity it is surpassed by none, for the Texas Club is the most active club in barracks. Every now and then it is turned out in the mess hall that "the Texas Club will meet in room 125 immediately after supper." Later on in the evening the termination of the meeting is announced by an "Old Yell" for Texas just outside of 125. What goes on at these meetings only the Texans know, for it is an exclusive club whose membership is composed only of natives of Texas. We do know that they have occasional get-togethers with Texas girls from neighboring schools. We know too that they have banquets from time to time.

The pride and patriotism that the Texans have for their state is admired by cadets from all other states. Bill Bond, the leader of this stalwart group, is the personification of all these characteristics. He is completely sold on Texas; as a matter of fact, he has made the Corps very Texas conscious, not only through the mediae of casual conversation and public speaking class, but with his amazing exhibitions of roping. He may be seen on almost any rainy day with a cigar in his teeth and swinging his lariat as it should be swung.

Withal, the boys from Texas are not domineering with their enthusiasm for the Lone Star State; they are merely proud of their heritage, and we admire them for it. We know, too, that if the citizens of every state were characterized by the enthusiasm and the patriotism of the Texans, our country would be a better place in which to live.



THE YANKEE CLUB

As the largest sectional organization at V. M. I. the Yankee Club has always set the pace for other similar clubs. At the first meeting of this year the club's officers were elected. As president New Yorker Jack Littrell ably fulfilled the duties of his position and did a great deal to further the interests of the club. The organization's other officers were filled by Clint Dominick, vice-president, and Don Buonano, secretary and treasurer.

It has always been the custom of the Yankee Club to hold an annual banquet during the spring of each year. A very wise change was inaugurated this year in that these banquets were held with greater frequency, one being planned for the week-end of each major set of hops. This innovation created within the club a greater feeling of brotherhood, and served to acquaint current members with many visiting alumni. On several occasions distinguished members of the faculty were guests of honor. The success of these affairs was largely due to the efforts of the secretary.

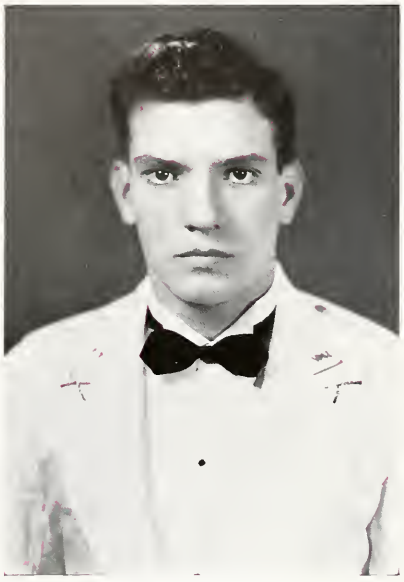
Some of the most important and most frequent meetings of the Yankees were spontaneous and informal. From reveille to taps, and even far into the night on many occasions, little groups of two or three Yankees could be heard asserting the supremacy of the North over the South or extolling the beauties of the North to large audiences of attentive, if somewhat skeptical, "Rebs."

In spite of the vehemence with which the Yankees assert their superiority over their southern neighbors, they admit in New York and in Virginia that they have found the South the home of cordial people who welcomed them to a fine state, a fine school, and fine gentlemen with whom to associate as fellow cadets and as Brother Rats.

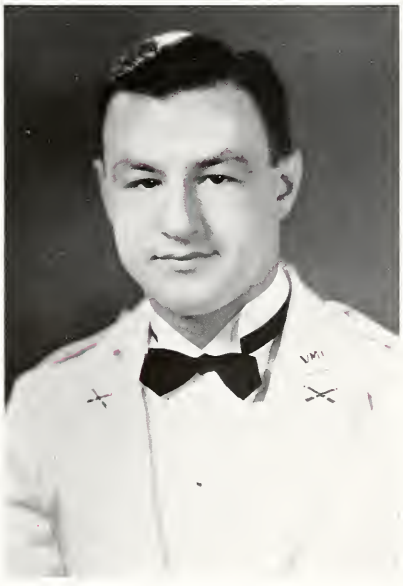




S O C I A L



W. A. IRVING
Leader of the Final German



T. W. GRAY
Assistant Leader of the Final German

THE FINAL GERMAN

On the Monday night of Finals the First Classman appears in a dance figure for the final time, the last of three figures, all of which have symbolized for him a momentous occasion in his cadetship. Ring Figure is the culmination of two and half years of patient waiting for the ceremony that will bind him irrevocably to his Brother Rats, then comes the figure of the Final Ball at the end of his Second Class year, the beginning of the duties and privileges of the First Class, and finally the Final German, the glorious end of four years as a V. M. I. cadet.

It is with mixed feelings that the First Classman walks down the long polished floor of Cocke Memorial Hall for the last time. Ahead of him is the diploma for which he has worked for four years, Finals has taken on for him a new significance, he knows now the true meaning of the word, for never again will he and his Brother Rats participate in anything as a unit. Nevertheless, with but one more day as a cadet ahead of him, comes the realization that those four years, though past, will never cease to affect him. The hardships that he has endured, the pleasures that he has enjoyed have changed him and have bound him with men whom he has never seen, but men to whom he can turn anywhere in the world. The Final German is more than a figure and a dance to the graduating First Classman.

THE MONOGRAM HOP

To the athletes who spend the long afternoons on the football field, the cross country course, on the baseball field, on the tennis court, in the swimming pool, or in the gym, V. M. I. gives the monogram, the red, white, and yellow letters which signify not only achievement but also the long, hard, struggle that precedes the blocked kick or the dash that lasts but a fraction of a minute. As an added gesture to the men who have proven themselves in sport, the first dance of Finals is dedicated to the Monogram Club, and is known as the Monogram Hop.

The figure which opens the dance is led by the President and Vice-President of the Monogram Club. The members wear the white monogram sweaters, the motif is further carried out by the red, white, and yellow corsages of the girls in the figure, and by the decorations in the same colors.

The figure this year was led by President Dick Strickler and Vice-President Paul Shu, both three-letter men, and behind them came the men who had contributed to V. M. I.'s success in all departments of intercollegiate sport. The short but effective figure ended, and onto the floor swarmed the cadets, alumni, parents, and friends for the first of the dances of the Centennial Finals, the 1939 Monogram Hop!



R. D. STRICKLER
Leader of the Monogram Figure



P. C. SHU
Assistant Leader of the Monogram Figure

THE RING FIGURE AND THE FINAL BALL



The traditional Thanksgiving day game with V. P. I. is over, the Corps has returned, and for the second classman comes the long-awaited Ring Figure. None but a cadet can know the anxious anticipation and the final thrill of actually receiving the ring—and the kiss.

Wearing mess jackets for the first time in their cadetship, the second class dances smoothly through the long figure which represents weeks of painstaking practice. The figure comes to an end, and the couples separate to go through the arches where the cadet finally has the ring slipped onto his finger.

For the last dance of finals the Second Class again dons mess jackets and gives the Final Ball in honor of the graduating class. Again they tread the intricate steps of a figure, and, as the dance begins, they realize that they have now assumed the responsibilities for which they have spent three years preparing.



FAVORITES

AS STATED IN THE FOREWORD, THE PURPOSE OF THIS VOLUME IS TO PRESERVE IN PICTURE AND IN PRINT THOSE PHASES OF OUR CADET LIFE WHICH WILL STAND OUT IN OUR MEMORIES ABOVE ALL THE REST. SURELY THE MEMORY OF CERTAIN GIRLS WHO HAVE CONSISTENTLY APPEARED ON THE POST AT HOP TIME WILL REMAIN WITH US. WE ARE PROUD TO HAVE THE FOLLOWING GIRLS, CHOSEN FROM A GROUP OF PHOTOGRAPHS SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS OF THE CORPS, KNOWN AS V. M. I. FAVORITES.

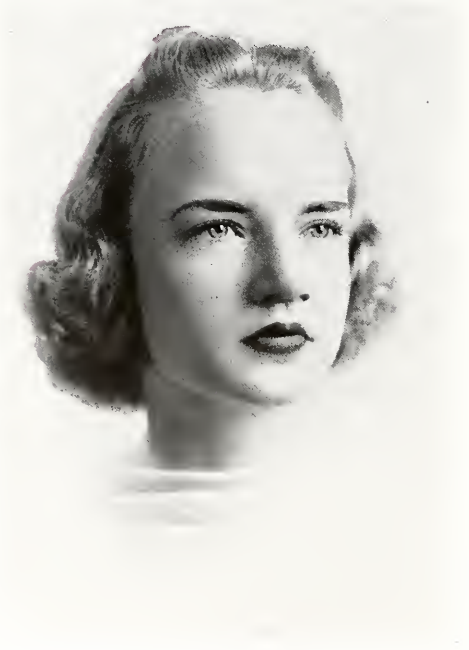




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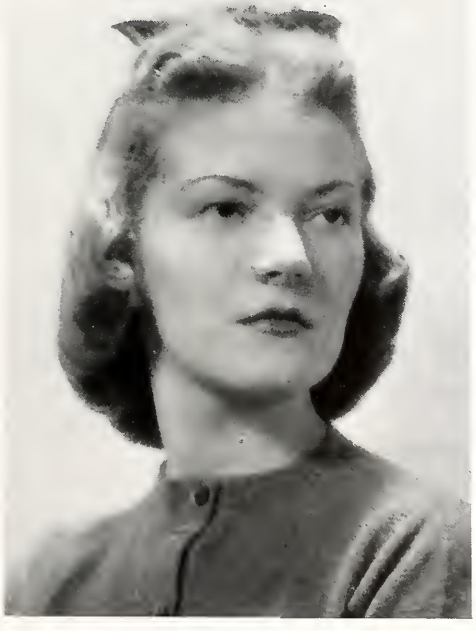
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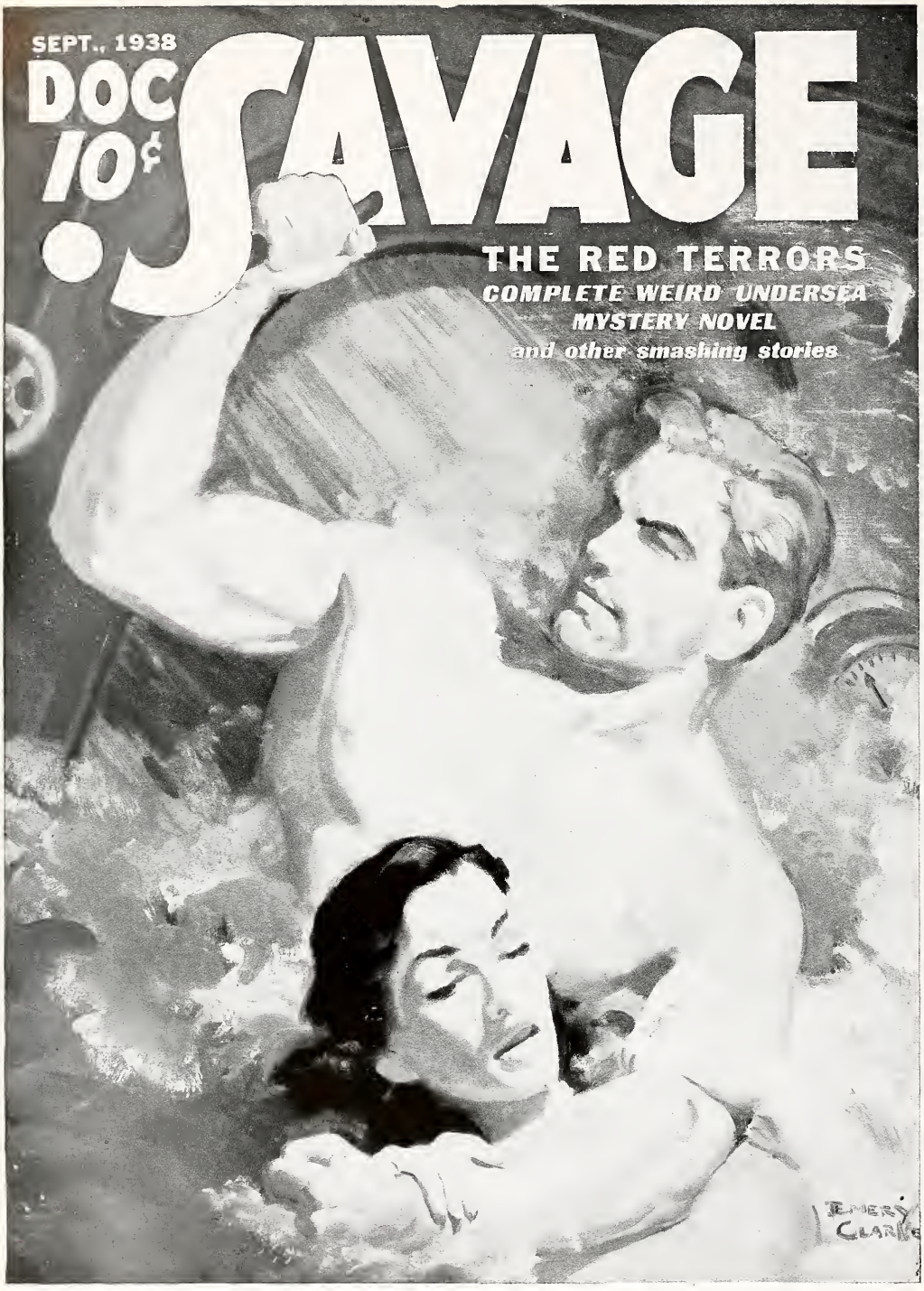
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It happened a couple of summers ago at Fort Myer. The next man in line for the physical examination was Jay Vaughan. The eye doctor grabbed him and threw him into a chair. "Sit down there and read me the last line on that chart up there on the wall." Jay Vaughan re-adjusted his specs. But a puzzled expression immediately possessed his puss. Turning to the doctor with a face full of frowns, he inquired, "What wall?"

There used to be a girl over at The Terrace whom they called "Checkers" because she jumped every time her date made a wrong move.

First Sgt.: "That shirt of yours is torn all to pieces. I thought you told me the other day you were going to buy a new one."

Cy Fraser: "I am. But it's getting so close to finals that I thought I'd wait until the next time the Q. M. D. has a 'one-cent sale'."

Brother: "Have you seen Charlotte's new evening gown?"

Rat: "No. What does it look like?"

Brother: "Well, in most places it looks a lot like Charlotte."

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Liberal Artist: "Who knocked on my door just now?"

Civil Man: "It was me."

L. A. (to L. A. roommate): "What do you suppose that fellow is trying to say?"

"Got something in your eye?"

"No, I'm just trying to look through my finger."

Two super-certified Liberal Artists were lying in the hay one afternoon. One finally mustered enough energy to say, "Is it raining outside?" "I don't know," replied the other, whose hay was right near the window.

"Well, get up and look," said the first whose hay was right near the door.

"Aw hell," said the persecuted one, "Call a rat in and see if he's got on a rain cape."

With all respect to the boys in Washington we tell the one about the WPA worker who hated holidays. He said it made him feel common when there wasn't anybody working.

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I wish I had a likker locker
To lock some likker in.
I wish I had a lotter likker
To place therein,
Because I am a likker liker,
Fond of Scotch and gin.
I wish I had a likker locker
For me and my frin.
—Ralph Waldo Longfellow

Much sharper than the razor
Which has recently been honed,
Were the words I uttered Sunday
When the man said, "You're boned."

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"In the war."
"What war?"
"The Boude War, dope."

Remember the fate of Steve McWhizz.
He played with a wife that wasn't his.

As Chester Goolrick used to say, V. M. I. rings have everything on them but a plate of growley.

It was Sunday at The Arp. The preacher, after a long exhortation demanded of the congregation that all who desired to go to heaven should stand up. All arose except one keydet, who was a lieutenant in "B" Company.

"What!" cried the preacher, "Don't you want to go to heaven?"

"Not now," said the Striped Wonder. "I've got a Military Science test tomorrow."

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—*Rat Theme.*

The little girl had tossed and tumbled all night. About three o'clock in the morning she awoke and called to her mother. "Please tell me a story, Mom," she pleaded.

"Hush, darling," said her mother, "Daddy (Class of '14) will be in soon and he'll tell us both one."

S. M. I. A. SCENE

Tactical Officer: "Why don't you get a new pair of shoes?"

First Class Pvt.: "I can't find a Second Classman my size to go in with me on them, sir."

Father: "Well, son, now that you have been graduated from the Institute with a degree of Bachelor of Arts, what are your plans for the future?"

Thirty-niner: "I'm going to take six months time out and read my textbooks so I can get rid of this guilty conscience I've had for the past two years."



The Judge Almanac *for* September



By Marc Connelly and George S. Kaufman

1st.—Fifth session of summer coaching school closes at Rockbridge Baths, 1846. Roll as follows: Beale, Camp, Carpenter, Diuguid, Harkrader, Lord, Lyons, Rawls, Shellhorse, Williams and Ginsburg. Growley invented by mountaineers in the vicinity of Khyber Pass, 1847.

2nd.—Oriental named Yee deported as international spy, 1890. Jack Tyler puts on pair of shoes for first time, Roxobelle, N. C., 1935. Figures he'll have to learn anyhow when he goes off to school.

3rd.—Little Fish Herring toddles from dining room to kitchen in record time. Little Billy Haislip does the same at Salem, Va., 1918. Time: 2 hrs. 30 mins. Jim Patterson gets to BRC on time, 1935. Guy Mitchell gets caught running the block for the tenth time, 1936.

4th.—Zeke Smithers and his Montevideo String Band signed for Openings by 1939 Hop Committee which is promising a year of spectacular dance orchestras, 1938. Eastside Barbary Coast established. Super-private Fraser made Emir. Baldwin convicted as spy, 1938.

5th.—Jet Oil sold for the first time at the Institute, 1852. One Robertson makes initial purchase of two dozen bottles. "Trombone Smear" played at Guard Mount, 1854. Unknown malady kills thousands in vicinity of Khyber Pass, 1857.

6th.—Blandy Clarkson reduced to grade of private for failing to walk penalty tourists at 2:00 A. M., 1913. First Saturday afternoon without rain in three years, 1927. Automatic shoe shiner installed in the Post Exchange, 1935.

7th.—First handmade toupee purchased by native of Petersburg, 1812. Second Class goes on pledge for one Mallory, 1891. Snag Meem accepts blind date for hops and proceeds to dance for three hours with certified wallflower, 1935. Loses all faith in term "brother rat."

8th.—An O. D. named Tidwell bones seventy-five First Class Privates for shoes imp. shined, 3rd. C. P., 1900. A girl named Lancaster accepts invitation to be in Ring Figure, 1929. Has been doing same ever since.

9th.—Baby with unusually gruff voice born to Mr. and Mrs. Hubert in Alabama. Christened "Pooley" because of limped eyes, 1902. Entire rear rank of "F" Company sent to company room by McEveety, 1935.

10th.—Davis Mayo maxs Calculus examination, 1904. When asked if he will sub at the Institute next year replies, "Nay, Perline." George White forgets to shine shoes, 2nd C. P., 1938. Certifies he thinks he's slowly becoming one of the grossest men in barracks.

11th.—Group of starving soldiers in a shell hole in France get reprimanded for dropping morale during gas attack, 1918. One Burress is commanding officer. Messick discovers snappy retort, "okey doke," 1934.

12th.—Hits in the Post Exchange 1930-1935: Anything Goes, Double Trouble, I've Got a Feeling You're Fooling, Ha-Cha-Cha, Let Yourself Go, Forty-Second Street, After Sundown, About a Quarter to Nine, Lady in Red, When I Grow Too Old to Dream, You're Gonna Lose Your Gal.



13th.—Picture show in J-M Hall tonight, "The Great Train Robbery," 1905. Jim Farley manages to get through parade without help from Pasco, 1936. Dudley Digges remembers to keep appointment, 1938.

14th.—Young Hubert utters first invective when fellow playmate fails to intercept rock thrown by rival gang, 1904. Witt discovers theory of relativity, 1920.

15th.—Locks Saunders shot at Red Gulch for holding five aces, 1865. Sweet Briar College founded by two rats looking for week-end entertainment, 1901. The General Committee and Fred Adams hold another meeting, 1935.

16th.—One Millner quits job in loan office. Learns that a ten-cent grammar is for sale in a Paris bargain basement and goes abroad to make purchase, 1920. Bill Irving returns from Sweet Briar with no lipstick on face due to measles epidemic in said institution, 1937.



17th.—"Ma" Finburg's business drops off 80 per cent as First Class goes on pledge, 1938. Cam Budd, in charge of platoon at Parade, forgets to give commands. Two squads drown in the Nile, 1938.

18th.—One Tinsley dismissed for selling Jackson Memorial Hall to member of Fourth Class, 1860. Post Band plays "Blue Moon" at SEI for last time, 1936.

19th.—Blitz cloth invented in Alabama by one Barnes, 1856. Woosie Cox forgets to expand chest in showers, 1936. Feddeman gets in the game again, 1937.

20th.—Harry Digges, manager of Monte Carlo-Sinks Casino, tells newlyweds that it is definitely possible to live on love. Says he's been doing it for four years, 1903.

21st.—Piltdown Strickler reports his own brother for spot on leopard skin, 6000 B.C. Frazier and Seaton discontinue sandwich sales temporarily, 1889. Sick list decreases 50%.

22nd.—Hank Cronin gives class ring to Nova Scotian beauty queen in exchange for gold basketball, 1936. Due to his inability to pawn the latter, gifts are re-exchanged, 1937. Cronin proposes, is accepted. Unable to marry because he can't borrow the minister's fee, 1938.

23rd.—Ginsburg boned for hayroll at Parade, 1935. Woosie Cox forgets to expand chest in showers, 1938.

24th.—Slop Sclater visits rat barracks with brand new punch board size of card-table top, 1936. Hudgins receives fan letter from his sister following his broadcast with Priscilla Lane, 1938.

25th.—Val Parham admits he's wrong in an argument, 1937. Ray Taylor sinks goal in basketball game, 1938.

26th.—New drummer named Wray goes to Parade for first time, 1911. Says, "Never again!" Booker takes position as Veasey's valet, 1936.

27th.—Wakie Townes announces at SRC that there is no row like Arrow, 1936. Then gives, 'Colume of squads, rear platoon, squads left."

28th.—One Holland appointed Regimental Adjutant, 1875. Bugler plays "The Music Goes 'Round and Around" for March, 1936.

29th.—W. R. Hills loses shako. Is excused from Parade, 1935. Occupants of Room 140 boned for creating gross disturbance in barracks, 1938.

30th.—"The Blue Bird of Happiness" played by Irving Sharp for 145th time, 1937. Jones gets another six in Public Speaking for addressing the Senate on the downfall of democracy, 1938.

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And forgotten, too, the love.
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In such unfaithful vein,
But fills you much more truthfully
With happiness that knows no pain.
Yet women are so beautiful,
So innocent, so sweet, so pure.
Horsefeathers, says the one who's writing this,
And you'll agree, I'm sure.
Now what could be so beautiful,
As sweet, as pure, as nice,
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"Brush those stripes off?"
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"Shine those shoes?"
"No, sir."
"Clean this bore?"
"No, sir."
"Shine those frogs?"
"No, sir. I couldn't find the—"
"Also report this man for room in gross disorder."

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Aristophanes of Cappadocia, in his autobiography, makes the noteworthy comment that "when I was a rat I used to think the Institute was going to hell, but after staying there four years I find that it was I who had gone to hell. Selah."

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Notes and Comments

THE Virginia Military Institute down in Lexington is celebrating its hundredth anniversary this year. The centennial theme is being carried out in its annual, especially in the humor section, where all the jokes are a hundred years old.

RAY TAYLOR, representative of a local clothing establishment, just thrills all over when he hears the barracks boys singing that rhythm number of last winter, "I Owe Silver."

A MISERABLE tramp once stopped at the foot of the Chemistry Building steps and held out an emaciated hand to the uniformed figure descending. "I have had nothing to eat for a week," he said. "I am so worn out I can hardly stand up. Won't you please help me out? Just a dime. A mere dime for doughnuts and coffee."

"Sir," replied he to whom this touching appeal was addressed, "I am Butch Ritchie and I shall never give a man ten."

A CARLOAD of barracks boys were riding along the road from Laurel to Meade late one night last summer when they almost ran into a large car parked on the side of the road with all its lights out. Thinking that they really should stop and find out if the driver was in trouble, they pulled up beside the car. A boy stuck his head out the window and they were surprised to see that it was one of the Valley Forge fellows. They asked him if he was out of gas. He said he wasn't "Battery shot?" they inquired. "Nope," he replied.

"Carburetor clogged?"

"Heck no."

"Fan belt broken?"

"No. Just bought a new one yesterday."

"Tire down?"

"No, this is 1939." So the keydets drove on off and left him there by the side of the road.

A LADY went in Boley's a couple of weeks ago and asked for something light to read. One of the clerks searched the tables for a few minutes and then held up a book by Agassiz. "Here's something about the cardinal," she said. To which the lady replied, "I'm not interested in religior "

"But this one's a bird."

"I'm not interested in his private life either," she said, and finally bought one of last year's best sellers, "How to Make Friends and Other People."



(*Courtesy of the New Yorker*)

FOUR years ago there was a rat at the Institute taking history under Major M——. His daily average was sort of low, so he decided to practice a little boot licking right up to the day of the mid-term examination. The history exam was on a Monday, so the new cadet figured he might as well go to church that Sunday, which as you know, is optional, and get in that last minute lick. Showing up at the church a few seconds late, he saw the professor, in civilian clothes, and his wife sitting a few seats in front of his, which meant that he would have to make himself evident after the service when everyone was leaving the church. The sermon had no effect on him. He was planning what he should say to the professor.

Immediately after the benediction was sung he rushed to the vestibule in order to get plenty of room to prostrate himself, figuratively, and touch the hem of the sacred garment when the great man passed that way. The professor's wife came first and at her exit the new cadet smiled, bowed, scraped, spoke words dripping syrup and was appropriately recognized. Then came the professor himself.

But alas! By this time the new cadet had become so confused and nervous that he found his palms wet with the perspiration of anticipation and excitement. Consequently he was horrified to find himself saying, "Good morning, Mr. ——," to the most military of instructors. Woeful day! He would surely fail the examination. No man could possibly pass after such a blunder as that. But when grades were later posted his whole class was surprised to find that he had passed the examination after all. In fact he passed the examination with a 7.9, but what makes the story so sad is that he is still taking re-exams on the course.

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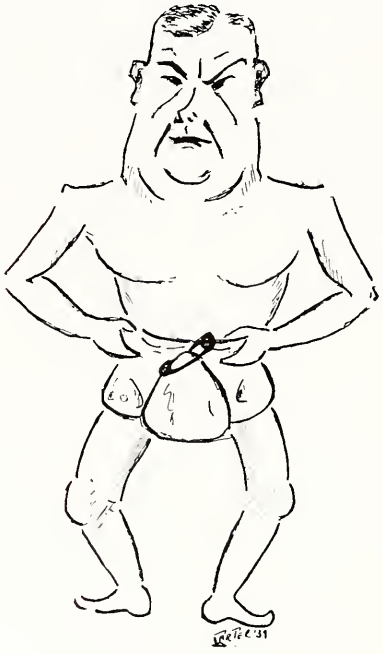
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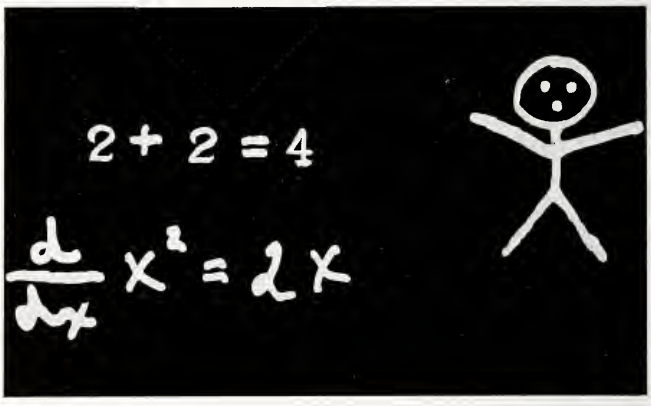
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V.M.I. is chiefly an engineering school. This picture shows the modern equipment in one of the Civil Engineering laboratories. This apparatus is used for testing dead loads. "Hay hounds" is the name given to all cadets taking this course.



Calculus is the most popular subject taught at V. M. I. Cadet J. G. Bernard was awarded a max for his work at the board shown above.



Cadets are taught to keep their belongings in perfect order at all times. A third classman who had just returned from a hunting trip about 5:30 one Wednesday afternoon allowed the above picture to be taken of the table in his room.



According to reports from V. M. I. alumni, the Institute has recently become coeducational. Here is a group of coeds sitting on the evening gun.

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Ceremonies are observed on Easter morning in which new cadets receive a number of good-natured blows from friends in the upper classes. This picture shows one of the more popular new cadets being removed from barracks after a full day of Easter activities.



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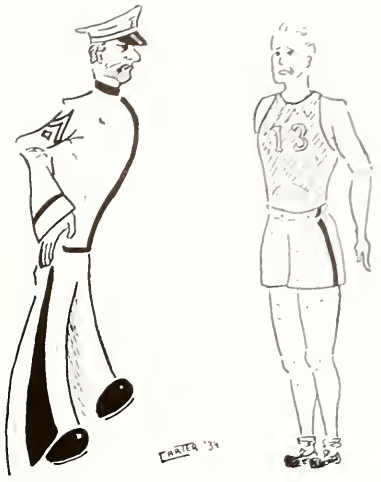
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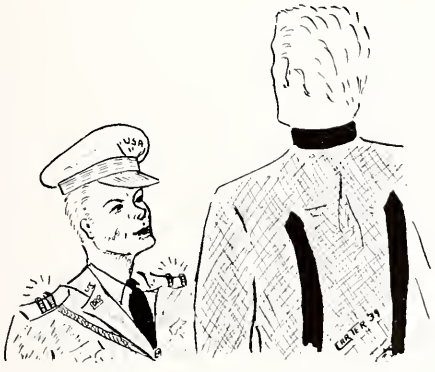
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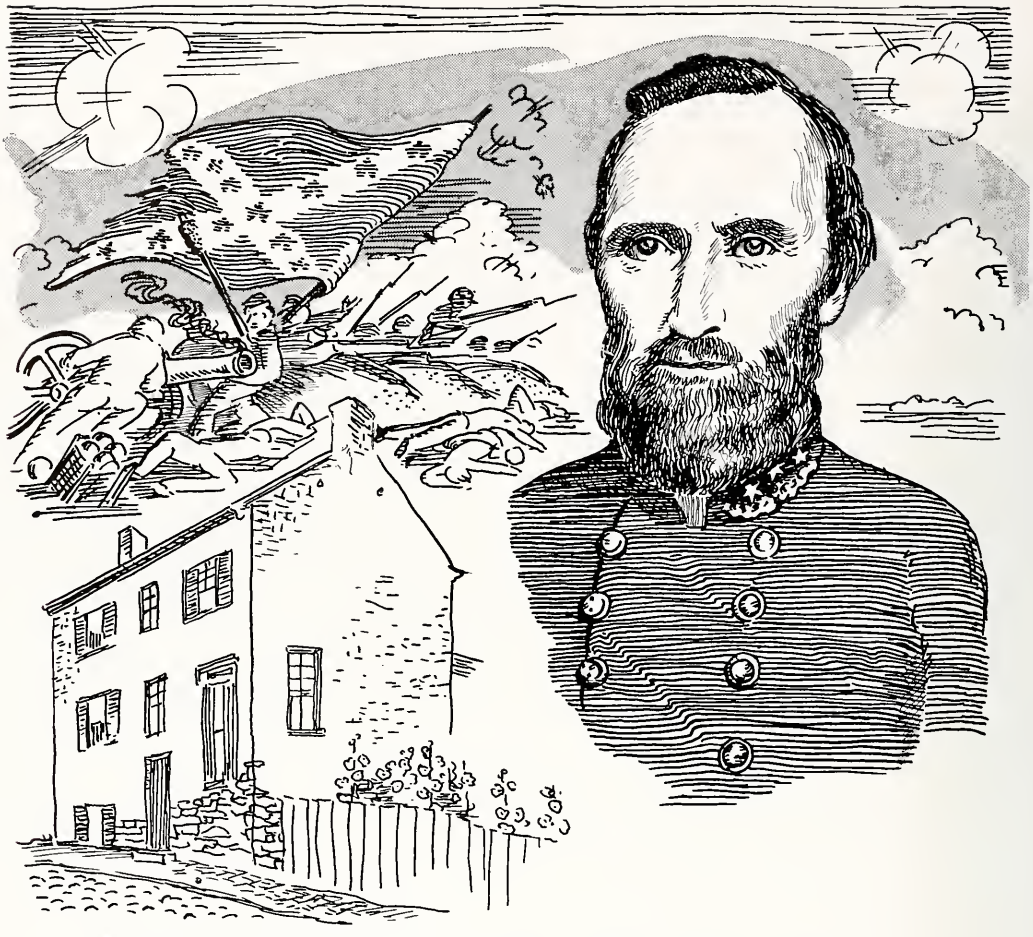
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WHO AM I?

So they want some heat up in barracks!
Heh! Heh! I'll let the boys freeze.
I know it's down to zero outside,
But I'll wait till it drops ten degrees.

We were in the room alone. I watched her pour another drink and she leaned against the sink as she handed it to me. I knew I had already had too many, but I was unable to resist her beautiful smile as she said, "Just one more. It'll fix you up in no time." She knew why I was here. She knew what I wanted. She moved restlessly around the small room, while I sat there by the window watching her and anxiously waiting for her to speak. Finally she walked over to the mantelpiece, turned suddenly and said, "All duty to 11 o'clock, ranks to S. R. C."

A small group of men were working on a WPA project near the Institute last fall. One of them stood up one day and called the foreman over to where he had just finished shoveling dirt into a hole.

"I dug this hole where I was told to and when I had finished I put the dirt back into it like I was supposed to do. But all the dirt won't go back in. What'll I do about that?" he asked the foreman. The boss thought a long time, looking at the hole from all angles. He finally hit upon an idea and turning to the workman, he said, "Well, as I see it there isn't but one thing for you to do. You'll simply have to dig the hole deeper."

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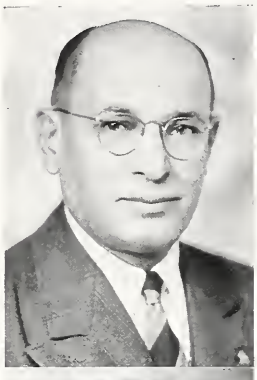
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Are all that's left of me. You have taken all
My desires, my aims, my family's hopes,
Crushed them under your mass commands.
Of initiative shorn, from progress torn,
Am I left with nothing but my hands.
I shall enter life as one who gropes,
As unprepared, I try to sell myself to man.
Four years have you shut me up inside
The deadness of your barren, cruel existence.
By suffering pained, unhappiness gained
Through your meager moral subsistance.
Four years have you made me hide
My true self behind your uniform and brass.
But, V. M. I., you shall not get my son, I swear!
He shall lead a life of freedom and enjoy
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To slavery in that system which takes a boy,
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—Disgusted

Now, folks, don't get all worked up over the epic printed above. The guy doesn't really mean it at all. He had just been boned for selling in rat barracks three days after returning on Christmas furlough, so naturally he's prejudiced.—Editor.

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December 9, 1938

SPECIAL ORDER
No. 46

1. For willful destruction of Institute property by breaking to pieces sink in his room and creating gross disorder in barracks during CCQ by attempting to install a non-regulation one in its stead, Cadet Yates, F. S., First Class, will receive 10 demerits, be confined to barracks for a period of four (4) months and perform 64 penalty tours.

2. Cadet Yates is hereby released from arrest.

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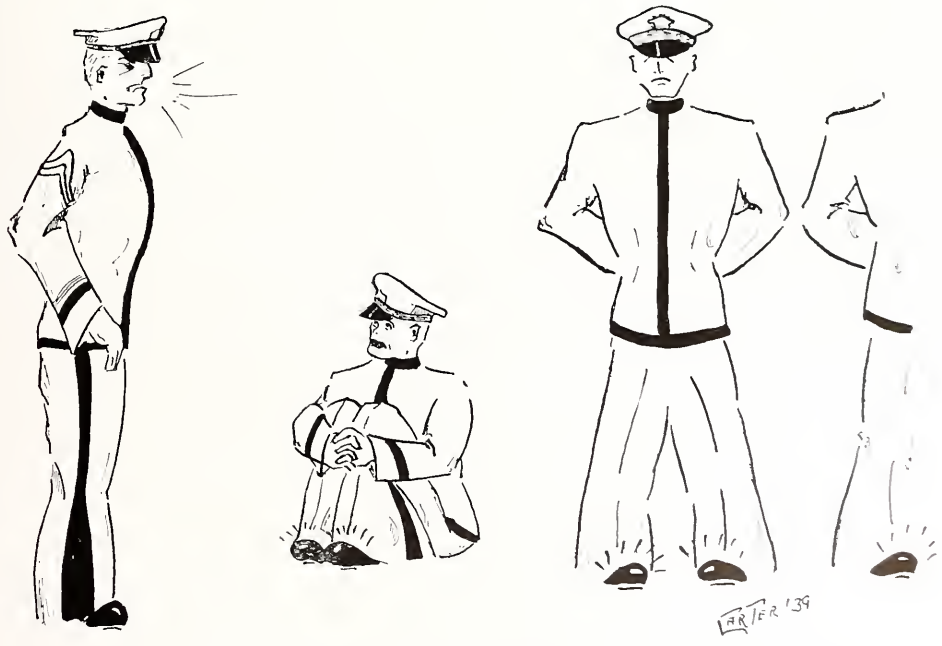
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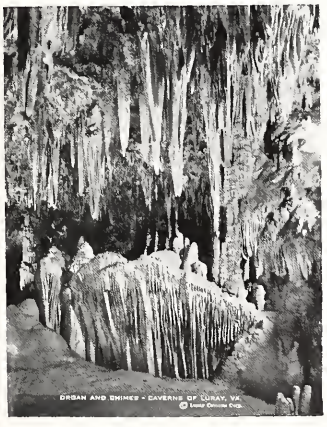
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When our horses start to kicking,
In the saddles we'll be sticking,
In the Cavalry.

Driver, watch those traces, cannoneer those brakes,
Who cares what the pace is, those Field Artillery
Boys have what it takes.
Get your proper places, lay on aiming stakes;
When the Field Artillery's firing,
You had better be retiring,
Hits are not mistakes.

Doughboys march together, in the Infantry,
Losing spirits never, but standing up
For dear old Company "B."
Fair or stormy weather, marching endlessly;
Let the riders groom their horses,
We will take our gains and losses
In the Infantry.

Brother Rats forever, stand by V. M. I.
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